

CDFA Grants that Support Carbon Farming

Useful Application Tips



Useful Application Links:

[CDFA Healthy Soils Program \(HSP\)](#)

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When funding for these CDFA Programs is available, the RCD offers technical assistance to support you throughout the application process.

Healthy Soils Program (HSP):

- If you are considering applying for this grant in the future, it is important to note that fields (or parts of fields) where you have implemented a conservation practice already (e.g. compost), are ineligible for the same conservation practice. For example, you cannot apply for funding for compost application for that particular area, but you *can* apply for another conservation practice, like cover crop establishment.
- The timeline for the application process has been different each time the program has been offered, and the program is becoming more competitive. In order to be prepared for a new round of funding, it is important to have a clear plan for your conservation goals. Please reach out for more information.
- The previous application period for HSP funding was February – May 2020.

State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP):

- An important requirement to participate in this program is that you have to have your own well that you use for irrigation. Work is being done to remove this requirement as it excludes many San Diego farmers.
- The project you propose must show that water use decreases and/or energy use decreases. This can be achieved either by updating or replacing your irrigation system, your pumps or installation of solar panels.
- The timeline for the application process is often short. If you are thinking about installing a solar system to power your pumps, it can be a good idea to request a quote to have it ready for a potential future SWEEP application.
- The previous application period for SWEEP funding was November – December 2019.

Contact us for technical assistance with the application process when funding is available.