



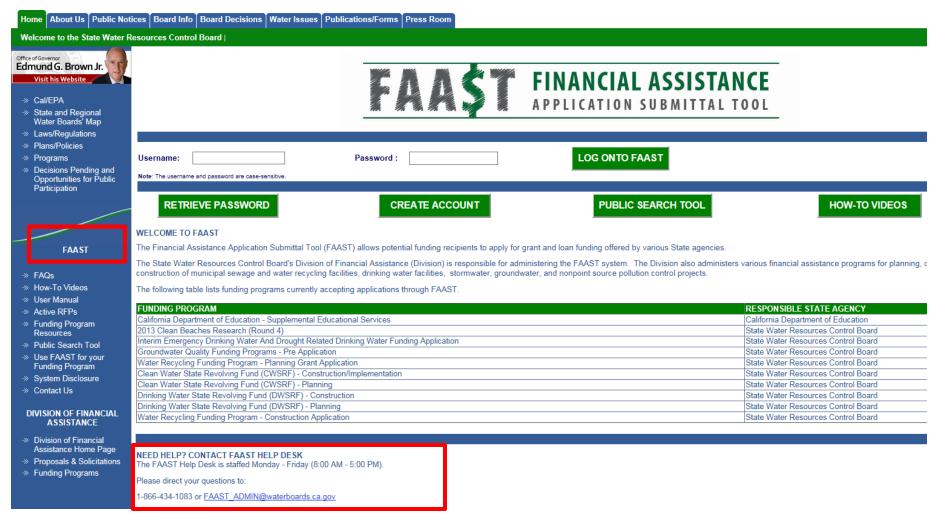
# California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Grants Administration

# 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)



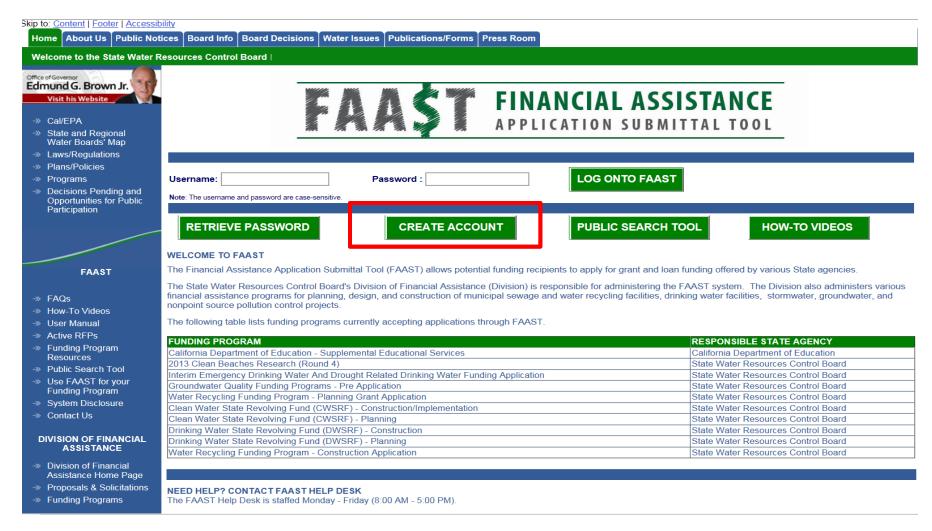
# **About FAAST**

- Partnership with State Water Resources
   Control Board
- Electronic submission of applications
- FAAST can be found at: https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov



# **FAAST Resources**

- FAQs
- How-To-Videos
- User Manual
- Help Desk



# **Creating an Account**

Select "Create Account"



### Organization Search Step 1

This page allows you to search for organizations which are already in the FAAST database. Enter any part of the organization name and click on the search button. Use care when entering an entire organization name. An extra space, or misspelled words, will prevent the system from retrieving the organization record. If you find the organization of interest, click on the name to submit an application on behalf of that organization. If you do not find the organization in the search results, Scroll down the search results to Create New Organization record.



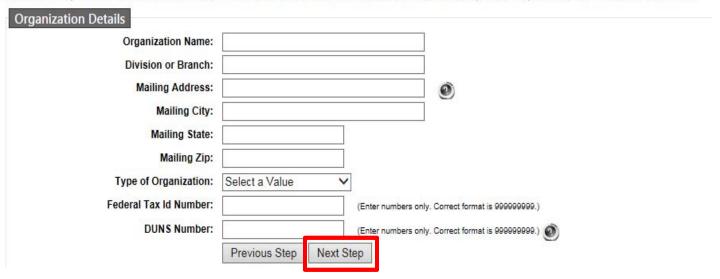
# **Step 1: Organization Search**

Search database by entering organization name



New Organization Details

This screen allows you to enter your organization details. The system will maintain this information in the FAAST database. Enter the details and click "Next Step" button to proceed to User Account Details Screen



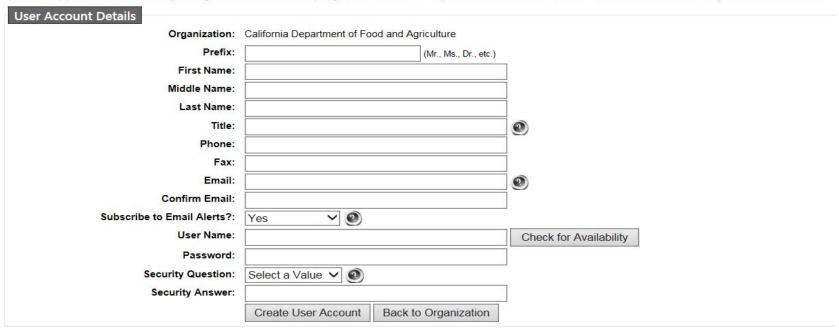
# **Creating a New Organization:**

- Only when your organization is not found
- Federal Tax ID Number
- DUNS Number



**User Registration Step 2** 

This is a simple two step process. Please enter your Organization details in Step 1, your User details in Step 2 and click on "Create User Account" button to Successfully Create User Account.



# **Step 2: User Registration**

- Enter account details such as:
  - Name, contact information, username, password and security/question answer
- Select "Create User Account"



### Confirmation

Congratulations! You have successfully created a FAAST user account!

The following are your user account details. Please print & save them in a safe place for your future reference. Don't give out your password to anyone. An email confirmation will be sent to you within 15 minutes.

### **User Account Confirmation**

Your User Name:

Your Password:

Your Security Question:

Your Security Answer:

Back to Login Page

# **Confirmation**

- Use the File/Print function on your browser and keep your account information for future reference
- Select "Back to Login Page"



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### Main Menu

The Main Menu allows the user to start a new application, work on applications in progress, view submitted and/or processed applications, or edit the user and/or organization profiles.

### ->> Start a New Application: Start a New Application! — Copy an existing application into a new application: Copy an existing application into a new application! Existing Applications: · » Submitted Applications: View Applications with a status of Submitted or Assigned (for Review). · » Upload Post-Submission Attachments: View submitted applications that allow for the uploading of post-submission attachments ->> Processed Applications: View Applications which were either recommended for funding, awarded funding, or declined funding. · » Inactive Applications: View/edit Applications that were not submitted and the deadline has passed ->> Update User Profile: Edit contact information, security question/answer. ->> Update User Password: View and edit password. Update Organization Profile: Submit a request to update information for Organization. System Disclosure: View the minimum usage requirements for using FAAST Resources: Available resources to assist in the successful completion of a FAAST application. ->> Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Answers to frequently asked questions. ->> User Manual: Applicant user manual ·· How-To Videos: How-to videos designed to walk new FAAST users through how to start and submit applications. ->> Contact Us: If you need technical assistance, please contact the FAAST Help Desk. ·» Funding Program Resources: A list of the State agencies using FAAST and their funding program webpages.

# **Start a New Application:**

Select "Start a New Application" in the applicant menu



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# **System Disclosure:**

Use a PC (Microsoft Windows Operating System)

# **Usage Recommendations:**

- Use Internet Explorer (version 6.0 or higher)
- Save often
- Disable pop-up blocking software



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Main Menu > Select Applicant Organization

Select Applicant Organization

Please identify the Applicant Organization for the application started by selecting either OPTION 1 or OPTION 2 below. If the Applicant Organization selected is later determined to be incorrect, contact the FAAST Help Desk to have the correct Applicant Organization associated with the project.

### **OPTION 1: Applicant Organization = Submitting Organization**

The Applicant Organization for this project is: "California Department of Food and Agriculture - Sacramento Office". The Applicant Organization is the same as the Submitting Organization. Press the OPTION 1 button to move to the next step.

OPTION 1

OR

### OPTION 2: Applicant Organization ≠ Submitting Organization

• The application is being submitted on behalf of another organization (the Applicant Organization). The Applicant Organization is different from the Submitting Organization. Press the OPTION 2 button to search for and select the Applicant Organization for this project.

OPTION 2

# **Select Application Organization:**

- Option 1: Applicant Organization = Submitting Organization
- Option 2: Applicant Organization ≠ Submitting Organization



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Main Menu > Active RFPs

Active RFPs

The following is a list of active Request for Proposals (RFPs). These RFPs are currently accepting applications. Select the desired RFP from the list below to begin the application process

Please refer to the RFP, Guidelines, Solicitation Notice, or other information provided (by the funding program or funding organization) for detailed information on the application.

RFP Title	Deadline Date
2018 Transformative Climate Communities Program - Implementation Grant Application, Round 2	10/30/2018 5:00:00 PM
2018 Transformative Climate Communities Program - Planning Grant Application, Round 2	10/30/2018 5:00:00 PM
2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program	11/2/2018 5:00:00 PM

# **Active RFPs:**

Select "2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" RFP



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Main Menu > Getting Started

### Getting Started

This page allows the user to review/confirm the following: selected RFP, Applicant Organization, and Submitting Organization.

If you would like to apply for the "2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" RFP using the Application Number (PIN) and initiate application. Pressing the "Continue to Application" button will assign your application an unique Proposal Identification Number (PIN) and initiate application. The "Back" button will take you back to the list of currently accepting RFPs.

Please refer to the RFP, Guidelines, Solicitation Notice, or other information provided (by the funding program or funding organization), for detailed information on the application.

### Confirm the following information:

RFP Title: 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

RFP Description: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting a competitive solicitation process to award 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects solely enhancing the competitiveness of California specialty

crops. Specialty crops are fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). CDFA is soliciting concept proposals from eligible non-profit and for-profit organizations, local, state, and federal government

entities, including tribal governments, and public or private colleges and universities.

Applicant Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Applicant Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Submitting Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Submitting Organization Division: Operating Organization Division:

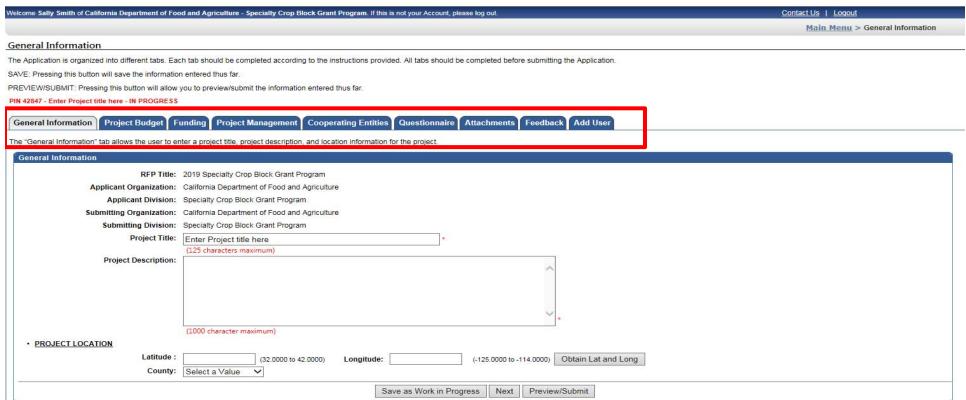
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Continue to Application

# **Getting Started:**

Select "Continue to Application"





# **Application Tabs:**

 General Information, Project Budget, Funding, Project Management, Cooperative Entities, Questionnaire, Attachments, Feedback and Add User

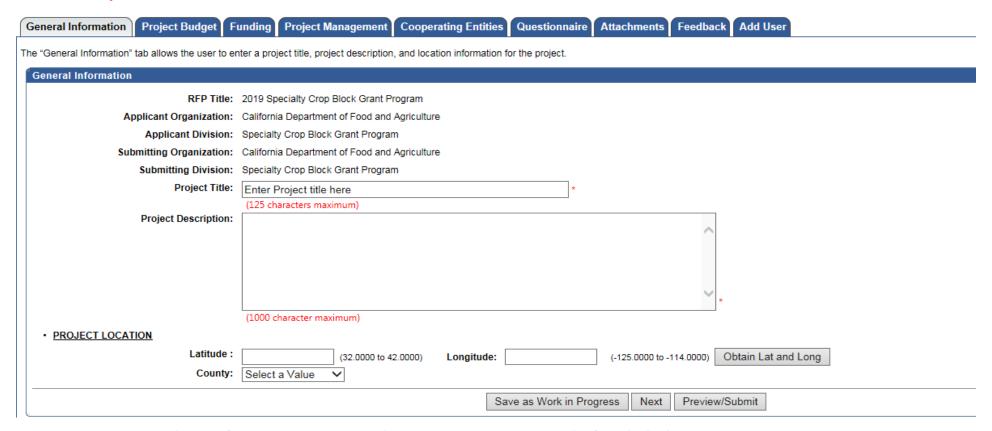
### General Information

The Application is organized into different tabs. Each tab should be completed according to the instructions provided. All tabs should be completed before submitting the Application.

SAVE: Pressing this button will save the information entered thus far

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# General Information (two required fields):

- Project Title
- Project Description
- Project Location
- Select "Next Button"

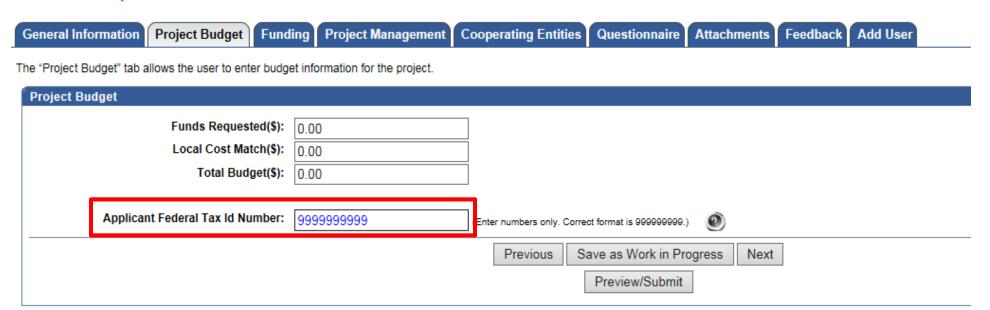
### Proposal Budget

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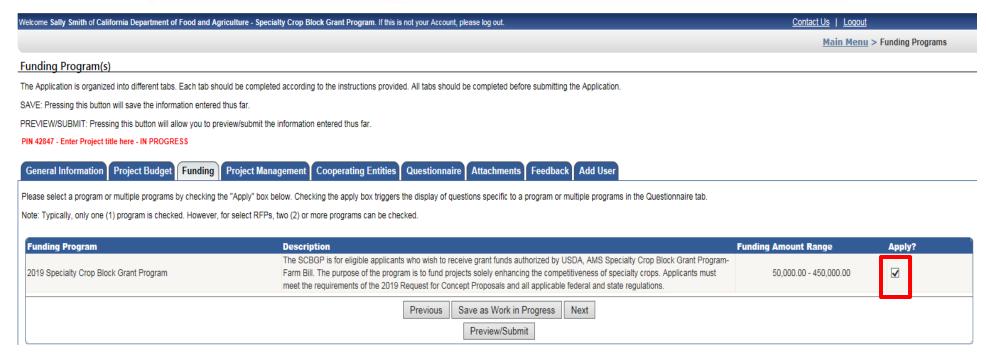
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# **Project Budget:**

- Funds Requested (SCBGP funds requested)
- Local Cost Match (matching funds + in-kind contributions)
- Total Budget (funds requested + local cost match)
- Federal Tax ID Number





# **Funding:**

• Select the program by checking the "Apply Box"

### Project Management

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### PROJECT DIRECTOR AND PROJECT MANAGER

Enter the contact information for the Project Director (including the confirm email), then:

- 1. Either click on the Project Manager = Project Director button; or Enter the contact information for the Project Manager (including the confirm email); and then
- 2. Click on the PREVIOUS OR NEXT buttons to save changes and navigate or one of the other tabs to move away from the Project Management tab without saving

Management Role	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Fax	Email	ConfirmEmail				
Project Director										
Project Manager										
Project Manager = Project Director										
Previous Save as Work in Progress Next										

Preview/Submit

# **Project Management:**

- Project Director (authorized representative)
- Project Manager (day-to-day contact)

### **Cooperating Entities**

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# **Cooperating Entities:**

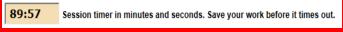
- An organization that has a role or makes a contribution to the project
- More than one cooperating entity can be listed

### Questionnaire

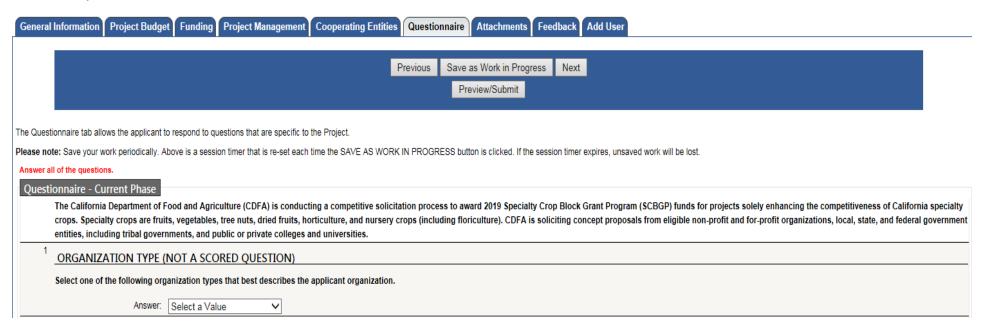
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# **Questionnaire:**

- 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program application
- Save as Work in Progress
  - Session timer (90 minutes)
  - Session timer resets each time "Save as Work in Progress" is selected

Click <u>HERE</u> to cownload the required Outcome Measures template.

Select at least one of the eight outcome measures and at least one indicator for each selected outcome. If there are multiple sub-indicators under a selected indicator, enter a value for at least one. Within the Description sections, describe the data collection methods and any activities that will be undertaken to monitor and report on the outcome(s) and indicator(s) selected. For more information on what to provide in the Outcome Measures template, reference page 15 of the <a href="Grant Proposal">Grant Proposal</a><a href="Instructions">Instructions</a>.

# **Outcome Measures Template:**

- Link provided in question 8 of 2019 SCBGP Application
- Download Outcome Measures Template in FAAST
- Upload completed Outcome Measures template and attach in FAAST

Click **HERE** to download the "Budget Template."

All budget items should solely support enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops and correlate to the goal(s) of the project. Before completing your budget template, review the <u>Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities Table</u>.

Upload the completed budget template to your FAAST application in the "Attachments" tab.

The budget should only include grant funds. Do not include matching funds and/or in-kind contributions.

# **Budget Template:**

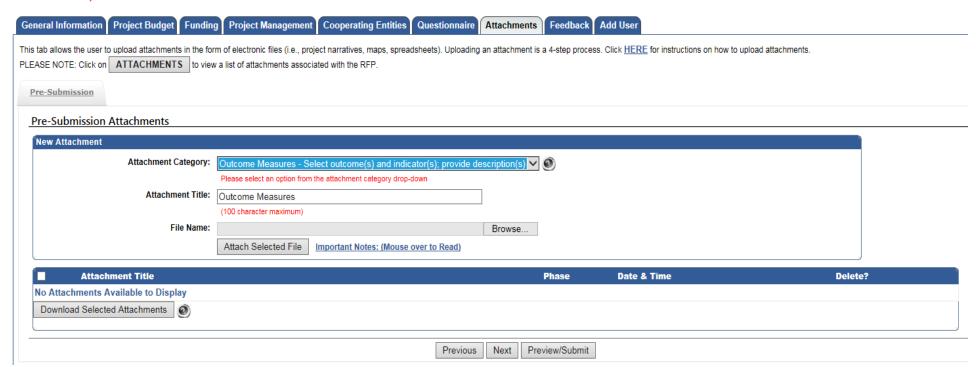
- Link provided in question 11 of 2019 SCBGP Application
- Download Budget Template in FAAST
- Upload completed Budget Template and attach in FAAST

### Attachments

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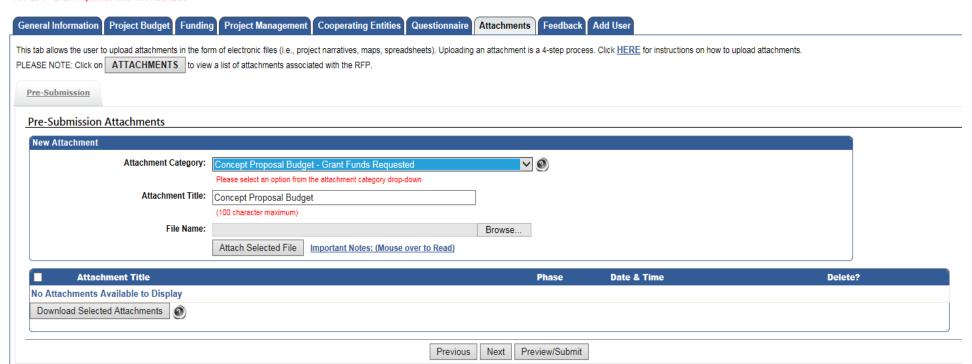
# **Attachments Tab:**

- Select "Outcome Measures" under "Attachment Category"
- Select the "Browse" buttons to upload attachment
- Select "Attach Selected File" to upload to FAAST application

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# **Attachments Tab:**

- Select "Concept Proposal Budget" under "Attachment Category"
- Select the "Browse" buttons to upload attachment
- Select "Attach Selected File" to upload to FAAST application

### **Application Preview**

This is a preview of your application. Please review and confirm the information is accurate before submitting the application. FAAST will perform a check to verify whether required fields are completed and/or required attachments are uploaded. Once you have verified the information, please read the certification statement and enter your initials to submit the application to the State Water Board.

Note: To print the application, please use the "FILE -> PRINT" menu option on the browser.

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### Application Preview

RFP Title: 2019 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Submitting Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Submitting Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Project Title: Enter Project title here

Project Description: I love fruit

Water System ID: District Office:

### **APPLICANT DETAILS**

Applicant Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Applicant Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Applicant Address: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA - 95814

### PROJECT LOCATION

Latitude: Longitude:

Watershed:

County:

Responsible Regional Water Board:

### PROJECT BUDGET

Funds Requested(\$): 0.00 Local Cost Match(\$): 0.00 Total Budget(\$): 0.00

# **Application Preview:**

- Preview application by selecting "Preview/Submit" in Attachment tab
- Run an "Application Completion Check"

### **Certification And Submission Statement**

The proposal appears complete. Please enter initials to certify accuracy of the application and then click on the 'Submit Application' button to submit the application.

Please read the following certification and submission statement before submitting the application.

I, certify under penalty of perjury the following:

Submission Date: 10/20/2015 3:39:22 PM

- The information entered on behalf of the Applicant Organization is true and complete to the best of my knowledge;
- I am an employee of or a consultant for the Applicant Organization and I am authorized to submit the application on behalf of the Applicant Organization; and
- I understand that any false, incomplete, or incorrect statements made may result in the disqualification of this application.

By signing this application, I waive any and all rights to privacy and confidentiality of the proposal on behalf of the Applicant to the extent provided by law.

To submit this application, please enter your initials certifying the accuracy of the application and click the "Submit Application" button. If you are not ready to submit your application, please click on the "Back to Application" button.

Enter Your Initials: Submit Application

# **Submission of 2019 SCBGP Application:**

- Enter your initials
- Select "Submit Application"

# Feedback

The Application is organized into different tabs. Each tab should be completed according to the instructions provided. All tabs should be completed before submitting the Application.

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The Feedback tab displays comments from the review process. Please note that feedback is available only after the review process has been completed.



# Feedback Tab:

- Comments from Technical Review Committee
- Comments from Administrative Review (CDFA)



# **Quick Tips**

- Save your application often
- Make sure you select "Submit"
- Don't wait until the last minute



# **FAAST Resources**

- FAAST Help Desk
  - Phone: 1-866-434-1083
  - Email: FAAST ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov
  - Hours: Monday Friday; 8:00 am 5:00 pm
- Frequently Asked Questions
- User Manual



# Questions

