

# California Underserved & Small Producer Grants (CUSP)

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Extreme Weather and  
Climate Relief

Extreme-weather related expense	Verification method/Documentation
Infrastructure Damage/Loss: Buildings, Greenhouses, Packing or Storage facilities, hoop houses, high tunnel infrastructure	Photos, Letter from insurer declaring loss ( if insured), receipt for purchase of new infrastructure
Equipment Damage/Loss: Tractors, Implements, fencing, Irrigation, plastic mulch, well pump damage or loss	Photos, Letter from insurer declaring loss ( if insured), receipt for purchase of new equipment
Expenses associated with soil erosion/ mud or water damage and clean up/debris removal	Photos, invoices/receipts from removal, pump or equipment rental receipts for clean up
Purchase of flood control equipment: sub pump, sandbags, blocks or bricks to reinforce /protect fields or infrastructure/ levy repair	Photos, invoices/receipts
Replacement of livestock feed, fertilizer or other farm inputs or soil inputs destroyed by water and/or mold, or other damage caused by flood/storm events	Photos, receipts for new feed/fertilizer/farm inputs
Labor: back payment of wages, additional living expenses incurred for (3-6) months after flood events, moving expenses, repayment of short-term loans to pay employees	Employee records, receipts, or bank statements

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Livestock mortality/ beehive loss / Livestock veterinary expenses or transportation/moving costs	Documentation, also demonstrate not covered under a USDA livestock/ honeybee loss program
Water/soil testing to ensure food safety compliance after flood events	Receipt/ email from regulator requesting additional water testing
Replacement of crops: trees, nursery stock, any perennial plant losses or payments to services for tree removal or replacement	Photos, receipts for replacement trees or original invoice, verify not already covered through USDA Tree replacement program or part of farm insurance plan
Crop loss/replacement for annual vegetable production	Photos, loss of revenue, additional seed purchases, calculation of overall loss to farm business due to flood
Land tenure: inability to pay lease after extreme weather event; need to move operation to new location	Letter from landowner or lease agreement
Smoke damage that renders product unable to be sold	Verification of crops in field with damage, loss of sales, destruction/disposal of crop or livestock material, placement/movement of livestock,
Crop loss due to extreme heat/sun burn	Verification check list, photos, email communication from buyers/vendors, USDA or CA Governor's office disaster or heat declaration
Biological pest or animal disease/quarantine or eradication measures	Declaration of Disaster, CDFA Plant Division verification/official quarantine or verification through USDA APHIS

# Questions for stakeholder feedback

- Are the proposed expenses responsive to current needs for extreme-weather related relief?
  - If not, what is missing?
- Is the proposed documentation sufficient to support producer's need for relief?
- Email written feedback to [grants@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:grants@cdfa.ca.gov) by September 4rd. Please put "CUSP feedback" in email subject line.