

2020 California Special Interest License Plate (CalAgPlate)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When are CalAgPlate Grant Proposals due?
Grant Proposals must be submitted electronically to grants@cdfa.ca.gov by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on October 22, 2020. Late submissions cannot be accepted.
2. Can an organization submit multiple Grant Proposals for more than one CalAgPlate grant?
There is no limit to the number of grant proposals applicants may submit; however, each grant proposal must be for a wholly unique project.
3. What is the maximum grant duration for any proposed project?
The maximum grant duration is one (1) year, six (6) months and grant funds cannot be expended before January 1, 2021, or after June 30, 2022.
4. Are projects required to incorporate current safety guidelines pertaining to COVID-19?
All projects are expected to comply with the most current recommendations of the California Department of Public Health.
5. Who is eligible to apply for CalAgPlate funding?
Under Tier 1, eligibility is restricted to the California Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association; the non-profit that represents state adopted Agricultural Education Programs. Under Tier 2, eligibility is restricted to non-profits organizations, state, local and Indian tribal government agencies within California that promote and administer agricultural education and leadership programs.
6. Are recipients who were awarded previous CalAgPlate funding eligible to apply for 2020 CalAgPlate?
Yes, recipients awarded previous CalAgPlate funding are eligible to apply for 2020 CalAgPlate.
7. Are organizations other than California FFA Association eligible for Tier 1 funding?
Yes, organizations other than California FFA Association are eligible for Tier 1 funding; however, organizations need to coordinate directly with the California FFA Association to be eligible. You can contact the California FFA Association at (209)744-1600 or by email at: mpatton@calagteachers.org or mmaberto@californiaffa.org.
8. What is the definition of post-secondary and adult education?
For the purpose of the CalAgPlate Program, post-secondary and adult education includes but not limited to academies, colleges, and seminaries, institutes of technology, vocational schools, trade schools, and foundations.

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9. Are Universities eligible to apply under adult education?
No, Universities are ineligible to directly apply* for CalAgPlate funding, however, they can partner with eligible organizations on a proposed CalAgPlate project.
- *Note: Non-profit programs administered or managed by a university, such as the 4- H Youth Development Program are exempt from this limitation.*
10. Can CalAgPlate funds be used to train agriculture educators?
Yes, CalAgPlate funding may support training of agriculture educators, under Tier 2 funding.
11. Can CalAgPlate funds be used for a scholarship program?
No, CalAgPlate funds cannot be used to support, augment, or create scholarship programs.
12. Can CalAgPlate funds be used for technology costs?
Yes, technology costs may be allowable, if costs are necessary to accomplish CalAgPlate project goals and objectives.
13. What is program income?
Program Income refers to net income generated during the grant period by a supported project activity or earned as a direct result of the awarded grant. If a project will generate program income, applicants must provide a description of how it will be generated and how it will be used to further the CalAgPlate project. Program income cannot be used for unallowable costs or activities.
14. Will the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) provide answers to specific questions regarding the eligibility of grant proposals or assist applicants with selecting a funding category?
To maintain the integrity of a competitive grant process, CDFA is unable to advise or provide individuals with feedback on specific proposals during the solicitation process. CDFA cannot provide guidance on the most appropriate funding category for a grant proposal. Applicants must determine whether their project meets the criteria established for the CalAgPlate program.
15. Will recipients of CalAgPlate funds have to submit invoices to be reimbursed?
Yes, if awarded CalAgPlate recipients will be subject to all applicable State regulations and required to submit invoices with adequate documentation for expenditures at least quarterly, but no more frequently than monthly to seek reimbursement. Advance payments will not be provided.

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16. Will recipients be required to submit progress reports throughout the grant duration?

No, progress reports are not required throughout the grant duration. However, recipients must submit a Final Performance Report at the end of the project that identifies goals and objectives achieved, including quantifiable results, successes, project delays or lessons learned and any other pertinent information.