

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

LISTENING SESSIONS REPORT



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Introduction

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) arranged several Listening Sessions with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for Tribes across the state of California. The sessions were hosted and facilitated by Sweet Grass Consulting, LLC. The purpose of the sessions was to help inform about the CDFA's grant programs and solicit feedback on where changes might be made to make the programs more accessible for Tribes across the state. This report provides an overview of methods used and a synopsis of the Listening Sessions.

Methods

Four Listening Sessions were held in June 2023, August 2023, September 2023, and February 2024 and lasted approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. The sessions were conducted virtually (via Zoom). An agenda was provided to the attendees prior to the Listening Session that was developed collaboratively by Sweet Grass, IAC, and CDFA. Each session followed the same format which began with an overview presentation of CDFA grant opportunities available provided by program liaisons. After the presentations concluded, the Listening Sessions were opened for discussion between the Tribal members and CDFA representatives.

The agenda topics that were discussed included:

- CDFA Programming
- Challenges in Accessing CDFA Programs
- How the CDFA can Better Serve the Tribes of California
- Outreach and Engagement between the CDFA and Tribes of California
- Creation of a Tribal Advisory Committee

IAC staff sent invitations to Tribes and Tribal members from across the state of California. 20 Tribes had availability to participate in the Listening Sessions. Participants in the meetings held a multitude of roles which included: Environmental Directors and staff, Agriculture Directors and staff, Food Sovereignty Directors and staff, Economic Development directors and staff, and grant writers for the Tribes. An honorarium of \$200 per hour was provided for those who could attend.

CDFA Grant Programs

As mentioned, each session began with an overview of CDFA's grant opportunities. After the presentations concluded, the Listening Sessions were opened to discuss the agenda topics so participants could share feedback, ideas, and barriers around accessing CDFA grants. Below is a summary of the grant opportunities and the overview presentation can be found in Appendix A.



CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program

This grant program awards funding to projects that create sustainable change across the school food system. Projects include forest-to-school, river-to-school, and ocean-to-school. There are four tracks for this program: K-12, Technical Assistance, Early Care and Education, and Producers. In 2024, this grant program will fund up to \$52.8 million in grant funding.

California Underserved and Small Producer (CUSP) Grant Program

The CUSP Grant Program aims to address drought relief needs for historically underserved producers and small-scale producers by specifically combatting access barriers to state and Federal relief funds. This is obtained through TA support through small farm advisors, TA providers having experience with working with underserved communities, and offering services in languages other than English. Grant funding for this grant program ranges from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP)

The SWEEP program provides grant financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, or Tribal entities for projects that implement irrigation systems that reduce greenhouse gases and save water. Eligible system components may include soil moisture monitoring, drip systems, switching to low pressure irrigation systems, pump retrofits, variable frequency drives and installation of renewable energy to reduce on-farm water use and energy.

Organic Transition Pilot Program


This program was created to support farmers and ranchers who prepare land for organic certification in awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. At least 50% of the grant beneficiaries should be Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, including Tribal members. Assisted expenses the grant covers include organic-oriented farm equipment, processing equipment, animals and feed, fees for certification and consultants, educational tools/trainings, soil preparation, compost and organic amendments, cover cropping, seeds or planting, pest control and ecological tools.

CDFA Healthy Soils Program

This program, in conjunction with the California Healthy Soils Initiative, aims to promote the development of healthy soils on California farmlands and ranchlands. There are two components to this program: The HSP Incentives Program and HSP Demonstration Projects. The HSP Incentives Program provides financial assistance for the implementation of conservation management that improves soil health, sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The HSP Demonstration Projects demonstrate the implementation of the HSP practices.

Pollinator Habitat Program

The Pollinator Habitat Program provides funding to eligible organizations to work directly with farmers and ranchers to install habitat and implement management practices that support



pollinators. In this program, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers are prioritized for participation. Pest management training and an outcome monitoring plan are required for this program.

Climate Smart Agriculture Technical Assistance Program (CSA TA)

TA objectives of this program support the solicitations for the Alternative Manure Management Program, and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program by helping individuals apply and implement projects. TA providers can also provide training, develop case studies, and make site visits to help with projects as they are completed.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funds projects that enhance the competitiveness of California's specialty crops. These crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops. Award amounts range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The main funding categories for the SCBGP program are equity, access and education, and research.

Additional Assistance Program for Historically Underrepresented Organizations

This program was developed to increase participation in the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program among organizations that may not have access to the resources, staffing, or capacity to easily apply for and administer a Federal grant award. Tribal government entities, along with non-profit organizations, and public-school districts that have not received SCBGP funds are eligible for this assistance program. Additional assistance for this program includes increased access, education and training for communities or farmers.

Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI)


The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program aims to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain. This can include the processing stage, packaging stage, aggregation stage, and distribution stage of the supply chain. This program is funded by the USDA and administered by CDFA. The RFSI program has two tracks: Infrastructure Grant Projects and Simplified Equipment-Only Grant.

Listening Session Synopsis

Challenges Accessing Programs

Staff Capacity

Issues related to accessing programs were a predominant theme throughout the Listening Sessions. Specifically, the lack of capacity within the Tribes to be able to apply for CDFA grants was discussed at each session. Understaffing within each Tribe was identified as a main issue contributing toward



accessing programs. Many Tribal members hold a variety of positions within their Tribe, therefore the time commitment necessary to search for and apply for grants is difficult to allocate. One Tribal Member stated, “With all these opportunities and being short on staff to there’s no like, dedicated grant writer or anything in our small tribe, or tribal staff, and we have our daily tasks and yet we’re still like chasing money to pay for our work at the same time, so we can’t do both.”


Many of the representatives present at the Listening Sessions are members of smaller Tribes, or “low resource” Tribes according to session participants, and often viewed the grant opportunities available through the CDFA as geared towards larger Tribes who have the resources necessary to apply for and receive the grants. Larger Tribes have funding to create specific positions and teams for grant writing, for example. For the smaller Tribes within California, more technical assistance from the CDFA is needed to be able to find, apply, and complete the grant applications. As one Listening Participant reported, “I’d like some help with just prioritizing, helping me prioritize what are good grants to go for. For whatever projects [that we] have, is there somebody who knows all of your different grants that could help us figure out how to maximize, [our] time [and] efforts to know which grant would be the best for projects to go forward [with] that we would likely get so that we’re not wasting our time going for something that that’s highly competitive that we’re not going to get.”

Tribal Land Access

Within California, there are Tribes that do not have access to land or access to land that can be utilized for the agriculture purposes outlined in the various grant opportunities provided by the CDFA. For example, much of the land that is Tribally owned in central California is either sloped or on the side of a mountain, which makes it difficult to produce the crops mentioned in some of the agriculturally based grant opportunities. The Tribes in the Eastern Sierras have soil issues related to water access. This also creates a barrier to applying for CDFA grants because some of the grant opportunities offered do not meet the specific agricultural needs of these Tribes. Many Tribes that do not have access to Tribal Land for agricultural purposes are utilizing “kitchen gardens” or smaller gardens to serve households. These gardens often have, herbs, fruits and vegetables grown for consumption. Kitchen gardens can vary in size and style. For example, a kitchen garden can be a simple raised bed or containers on a patio. They are often located near the kitchen for easy access to fresh ingredients while cooking. The suggestion of a “program that shows you not only how to grow these smaller gardens, these kitchen gardens, so that you’re not in a food desert of your own house, but then also processing those foods” was suggested.

Technology

Technology emerged as another barrier to accessing CDFA programming due to the rurality and lack reliable internet/broadband. In these rural areas, weather greatly impacts the internet/broadband services, also. Heavy rains, winds, and subsequent flooding create technological disturbances to both internet/broadband and phone services. Many of the Tribal members who attended the Listening Sessions live in remote or rural areas where accessing the internet can be largely problematic and information, resources, and applications need to be accessible offline. If the main sources of information access are web-based, then access to CDFA grants



and grant information become near impossible to access for these communities. CDFA could offer information in other formats such as mailings, phone calls/text messages, and in-person outreach.

Improving CDFA's Service to Tribes

Tribe Specific Grant Application Tracks

Participants were asked to reflect on how CDFA can better serve California Tribes to improve participation and engagement across the state. Regarding grants, having application tracks that are dedicated to Tribes, for example having specific Tribal Block Grants, would be beneficial. Representatives from smaller Tribes within California, such as the Benton Paiute Tribe, Mono Lake Kutzadika Paiute Tribe, Lytton Band of Pomo Indian, and Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, also discussed that a grant for \$100,000 could be half of their annual budget, versus larger Tribes with access to more funding and human resources to search for funding sources. Ensuring Tribes are not put into the same overall category was brought up throughout the Listening Sessions. As stated by a member of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, “When you give \$100,000 grant to a tribe, that, you know, maybe in the \$500 million a year earning bracket, right, or something like that, that \$100,000 is, is tremendously more impactful in the hands of a lower resource tribe” because “50% of the budget for our farm” is \$100,000. Tribes throughout California are diverse in their agricultural needs and practices and grant opportunities need to be reflective and reactive to that diversity.

Grant Application Support

More support regarding grant applications is needed for most Tribes. With significant understaffing, dedicating time to search and apply for grants is difficult for many of the representatives who attended the Listening Sessions. Time and human resources are scarce for the smaller Tribes, and therefore choosing which grants to apply for needs to be thoughtful and strategic. Not receiving grant funding could be the deciding factor for some Native farms' ability to remain operational. The need for assistance and support regarding grant writing, and guidance around which grant applications should be pursued, was a topic that was revisited throughout each Listening Sessions.

Traditional Native Foods and Food Sovereignty

Having grants specific to Native foods, Native plants, and promoting Native food sovereignty is another way that the CDFA can better serve the Tribes within California. Many of the Tribes in California are not agriculturally based in the way agriculture is commonly defined by the USDA, which creates difficulties finding and applying for grants to meet their needs. Tribes within California have traditional foods, such as acorns, that were not represented as funded agriculture for the grants presented during the CDFA presentations. Opening the grant opportunities to different types of farming, such as food forest stewardship for acorns and other traditional foods and greenhouse support, was suggested.



Education

California Tribes can be better served through education and an improved awareness of the issues they face and have faced throughout California's history. One Listening Participant reported "When you make a blanket statement of how can we help the Tribes, the first statement should be recognizing that there are individual sovereign nations". Historically, Tribal land has been taken from the Tribes within California, and Tribal members have been forced out of their traditional homelands and onto land that may not be traditionally familiar. This lack of access to creates difficulties growing and producing Native foods. Therefore, language, definition and understanding surrounding agriculture is important. As a listening participant stated "I think recognizing it and learning to use the same vocabulary, when using the terms "agriculture" could be intimidating. And at the very beginning, it would seem like Tribes would not be [able to apply for] the grants and would not be allowable for a Tribe because it's not an agriculture system. It's a different system. And so finding the right verbiage to use I think for outreach to try to be good."

CDFA Tribal Outreach & Engagement

Relationship Building & Regional Liaisons

The importance of relationship building was prevalent throughout all four Listening Sessions. California has a very diverse landscape, and therefore the needs of the Tribes are diverse. The needs of the Tribes in Northern California are vastly different than the needs in Southern California. Participants in each session suggested establishing a regional ambassador or liaison to improve relationships and opportunities for interaction and engagement.

Personal visits from the CDFA to the different regions were suggested as a desired outreach method. Having a true understanding of the agricultural needs of the Tribes cannot be accomplished without personal interaction and relationship building. Scheduling more intentional meetings with Tribal communities, such as the Listening Sessions, are also of interest to participants. Personal interactions can help build and maintain relationships and trust between the Tribes of California and the CDFA.

Communication

From a logistical standpoint, communication improvements were reported as a need for Tribes from the CDFA. For example, the CDFA creating a newsletter sent out monthly, specifically for Tribes that individuals could subscribe to. These newsletters were suggested to include the different grant opportunities, deadlines, and CDFA news that directly impacts Tribes. Many times, Tribal representatives are not finding out about grant opportunities until close to the deadline, which makes the application process either difficult or impossible to accomplish. Establishing different communication methods (i.e. emails, letters, meetings) is a direct solution to improve CDFA's reach and engagement.

Tribal Advisory Committee

The creation of a Tribal Advisory Committee was welcomed within the Listening Sessions. There were questions and concerns around the roles the Advisory Committee members would take on indicating a need for thorough planning and Tribal engagement to ensure such a committee would be successful and representative of needs. A key piece of feedback for an advisory committee is to ensure the CDFA would listen and make changes accordingly based on committee findings. Time and resources are limited, and many of the Tribal representatives are already members of different advisory councils. With time as a scarcity, compensation for those who are members of the Tribal Advisory Committee was suggested. However, concerns of misrepresentation were also raised. With a range of values spanning across the Tribes of California, ensuring proper Tribal representation would be key.

Conclusion

With each Listening Session conducted, similar themes emerged throughout the discussions concerning how the CDFA can improve outreach and participation with Tribes throughout the state. Similar challenges exist with accessing programming, the importance of trust and relationship building, the need for timely communications, and the agreement of the importance of a Tribal Advisory Committee within the CDFA were all presented. Each session produced productive and engaging conversations, as well as provided insight and guidance on how to better serve and support the Tribes within California. During each Listening Session, Tribal members reported that they appreciated the conversations and would attend more Listening Sessions if they were scheduled. To avoid a loss in momentum, continued conversations and engagement should occur between the CDFA and California Tribes. Interest exists from the Tribes in accessing and leveraging CDFA's grant opportunities, but some improvements and support are needed from the CDFA to ensure that can happen for Tribes small and large.



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Appendix A



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CDFA Grant Programs Overview

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CDFA Tribal Listening Session

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CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program

- **Program Goal:** award competitive grants to support projects that cultivate equity, nurture students, build climate resilience, & create scalable and sustainable change across the school food system
- Projects may include forest-to-school, river-to-school, ocean-to-school
- **Who Does the Program Fund?**
 - **Track 1:** K-12
 - **Track 2:** Technical Assistance (TA) Orgs
 - **Track 3:** Early Care & Education (ECE)
 - **Track 4:** Producers



Learn more at

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/caf2sgrant/>

or email

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CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program (continued)

- **Funding & Timeline**
 - **2021:** \$8.5 million awarded to 60 projects
 - **2022:** \$25.5 million awarded to 120 projects
 - **2023-24:** Applications due April 4, 2024
- **Tribal Grant Recipients**
 - **Yurok Tribe:** ~\$250k to support establishing Yurok Food Villages in partnership with local elementary schools (Track 2)
 - **Karuk Tribe:** ~\$150k to develop capacity to provide CA grown farm produce and traditional foods to Karuk HeadStart (Track 4)
- **Regional CDFA Farm to School Staff**
 - Available to provide support during project implementation



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Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program

- **Program Goal:** fund energy efficient refrigeration units in corner stores, small businesses, and food donation programs in low-income or low-access areas throughout the state to stock CA grown fresh produce, nuts, dairy, meat, eggs, minimally processed, and culturally appropriate foods
- Cities, counties, nonprofits, or Tribal governments may apply for equipment on behalf of eligible sites and may apply for up to 20% of total grant awards to provide technical assistance
- **2019 Pilot Program:** In Rounds 1 & 2, ~\$4.5 million awarded to over 60 projects
- **2023 Program:** ~9 million awarded to 103 projects



Learn more at

<https://cafarmtofork.cdfa.ca.gov/hrgp.html>

or email

cafarmtofork@cdfa.ca.gov

California Underserved and Small Producer (CUSP) Grant Program



- Flexibility and partnership to address critical drought relief needs for historically underserved producers (SDFR/ Small-scale Producers)
- Specifically addresses barriers to accessing State and Federal relief funds and flexible assistance to help in critical situations (disaster relief)

- Block Grant Model relies on trusted local partnerships to provide TA
- Regional Networking and TA support through UCANR small farm advisors
- Prioritizes TA providers offering services in languages other than English, experience working with underserved communities

California Underserved and Small Producer (CUSP) Grant Program



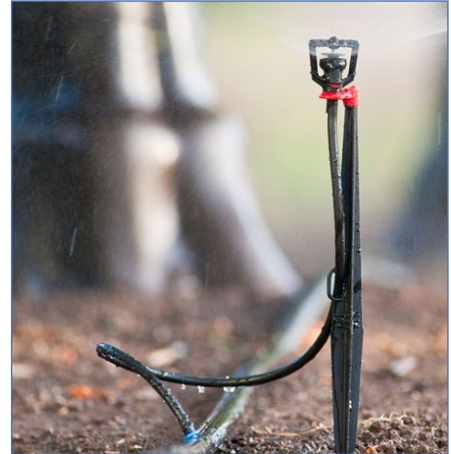
www.cdfa.ca.gov/CUSP/

- 1) Direct Producer grants for Drought Relief
- 2) Technical Assistance (TA) with application support to Federal and State relief programs and components related to business planning, financial tools, and marketing.
- Direct Producer Grants - Application period for drought relief grants from \$2,500 to \$20,000 **is open**
- <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/cusp/DirectProducerResources.html>

SWEEP Water Efficiency Incentives



- Awards up to 100% of cost of each project, up to \$200,000.
 - During grant period, a series of advances are generally available with adequate justification.
- Projects must reduce water application to agricultural land.
- Projects must reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions
- At least 25% of funds go to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, including tribal members or entities.



SWEEP Participation



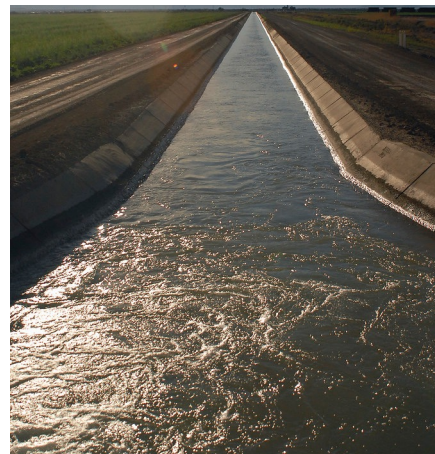
- Available to farmers, ranchers, or tribal entities, mid-to-late 2023.
 - When applying to block grant organization, they provide application assistance, and follow-up after award.
 - When applying direct to CDFA, we can guide you to regional assistance providers.
- Application spreadsheets automatically calculate the required water and greenhouse gas benefits based on location and project details.
- Application requires itemized budget and supporting documentation, such as pump tests, energy records, and design.
- Main elements of the project cannot be changed after award.





SWEEP Example Practices

1. Upgrade to more efficient irrigation, such as furrow-to-drip.
2. Install components for the upgrade, such as sand filters.
3. Improve a pump's efficiency, including replacement.
4. Switch a diesel pump to electric.
5. Install solar power with electric pumps.
6. Install a weather station.
7. Install moisture sensors.
8. *But there is no set list of practices, all projects will be assessed for water savings and GHG reductions.*



Organic Transition Pilot Program

- Available to commercial farmers or ranchers, including tribal members.
- Farmers must show control of a field to transition to organic. Then,
- General Awards: \$30,000 per farmer
 - For items from a supported list
 - Not for rent, taxes, own labor
- Field-Preparation Awards: \$1,000 per acre, up to 30 acres = \$30,000
- At least 50% of farmers should be SDFRs, including tribal members.



Organic Transition Pilot Participation



- Support available through Block Grant organizations, grant agreements expected to begin in April 2024.
- Tribal entities are eligible to participate as Block Grant Organizations.
- Awarded block grant organizations are posted on the OTPP webpage
- Block Grant organizations will:
 - Identify farmers and ranchers for assistance
 - Distribute funding, likely with partial advances
 - Provide on-farm technical assistance
 - Assist in financial literacy
 - Help with organic-relevant funding applications
 - Provide translation when relevant



Organic Transition Pilot: Assisted Expenses



General

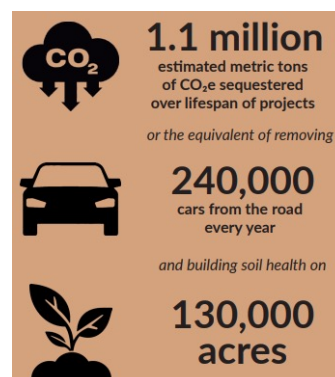
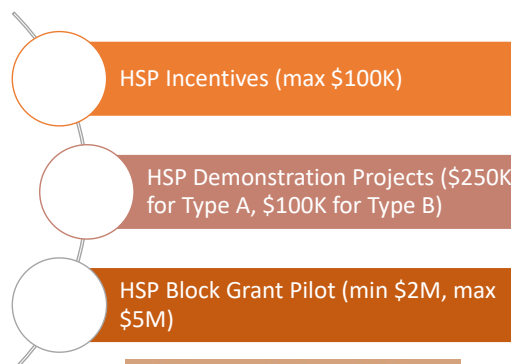
- Organic-oriented Farm Equipment
- Processing Equipment
- Animals and Feed
- Fees for Certification and Consultants
- Educational Tools or Training

Field Preparation

- Soil Preparation
- Compost and Organic Amendments
- Cover Cropping
- Seeds or Planting
- Pest Control
- Ecological Tools



- **HSP Incentives** provides financial assistance for implementation of soil health practices.
- **HSP Demonstration Projects** collect data and/or showcase the implementation of HSP practices by California farmers and ranchers.
- **HSP Block Grant Pilot** is designed to facilitate financial assistance to California agricultural operations through regional block grant administrators.
- **Eligible on-farm soil management practices** include but are not limited to mulching, compost application, herbaceous and woody plantings, cover cropping, and no/reduced tillage.
- CDFA has awarded **1,600 projects** with more than **\$106.3 M** in grant funds.



Healthy Soils Program (HSP)

The Healthy Soils Program stems from the California Healthy Soils Initiative, a collaboration of state agencies and departments to promote the development of healthy soils on California's farmlands and ranchlands.

HSP Block Grant Program

- Awarded organizations have begun their projects
- Grant Award Range: \$2 million - \$5 million/application
- Grant Term: 4 years
 - Administrative Cost: up to 15%
 - TA Cost: up to 5%
 - Shared equipment: Up to \$30,000 (Block Grant Recipients with 50% match)
 - On-farm Project Award Amount: Up to \$200,000/project
 - Grant term: 3 years

HSP Demonstration Program

- Applications accepted in mid 2023, 8 projects awarded
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/docs/2023_HSP_Demo_awarded.pdf

HSP Incentive Program

- Opening date: Applications accepted in Jan – early February 2024

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/BlockGrantProgram.html>



Pollinator Habitat Program

- 10 organizations have been awarded to work with farmers to install habitat
- Projects must be installed on agricultural operations
- 15 different practices are incentivized including wildlife habitat planting, hedgerow, cover crops
- Pest management training and an outcome monitoring plan are required
- Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers are prioritized for participation
- <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/php/>



Climate Smart Agriculture Technical Assistance Program (CSA TA)

- 20 organizations were awarded in 2023
- TA objectives include support the solicitations for Alternative Manure Management Program, the Healthy Soils Program, and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, helping folks apply and implement projects. TA providers also can provide ongoing training, develop case studies, make site visits to verify projects as complete.





Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)

- USDA funding administered by CDFA
- Projects must benefit the specialty crop industry.
 - Fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, culinary and medicinal herbs, and horticultural and floricultural crops
- \$100,000 to \$500,000
- Maximum duration of 2 years, 8 months
- 5 Priority Categories
- Request for Concept Proposals (RFCP) re-opens in Fall 2024



Additional Assistance Program for Historically Underrepresented Organizations

- Non-profit organizations and tribal governments (federally or non-federally recognized) that have not previously received SCBGP funding are eligible.
 - \$100,000 to \$250,000
 - Other restrictions apply.
- Two Priority Categories - Access, Education, and Training:
 - for the public, community, students, etc.
 - for farmers, farm workers, processors, etc.
- Receive one-on-one direct assistance in completing a Concept Proposal and, if invited, in the completion of a full Grant Proposal for submission to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Contact us with questions or to apply!

- Farmer Equity Lead – Logan.Dreher@cdfa.ca.gov
- grants@cdfa.ca.gov
 - join the SCBGP mailing list
 - be informed when the RFCP is available
 - express interest in the Additional Assistance Program
- It's not too soon to start outlining a proposal, even prior to the release of the RFCP.

Website:

www.cdfa.ca.gov/Specialty_Crop_Competitiveness_Grants



Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI)

- New grant opportunity from USDA, administered by CDFA
- Purpose is to award funds for projects that build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain.
 - Processing Stage
 - Packaging Stage
 - Aggregation Stage
 - Distribution Stage (except direct-to-consumer)
 - Not included: production/growing, harvest, retail
- Scoring Points for underrepresented applicants, including California Native American Tribes

Eligible Commodities

- Food for human consumption
- Excluded: meat, poultry, and wild-caught seafood
- No restrictions based on production or harvest methods of food commodities

Track 1: Infrastructure Grants

- Projects that expand capacity and infrastructure.
- RFSI funding: \$100,000 - \$3,000,000
- 25% Matching Funds requirements for California Native American Tribes

Track 2: Simplified Equipment-Only Grants

- Projects to purchase one piece of equipment
 - Including accessories, tax, delivery, etc.
- RFSI funding: \$10,000 and \$100,000
- No Matching Funds requirements
- Simplified application form



Deadline February 26, 5:00 p.m. Assistance Available!

- www.cdfa.ca.gov/rfsi to access:
 - Application links
 - Request for Proposals
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 - Questions and Answers (Q&A)
 - Variety of short videos on different parts of the application process
- grants@cdfa.ca.gov
 - Submit questions
- Lauren McCawley, CDFA RFSI Manager
 - (916) 539-1521