



Pollinator Habitat Program

CDFA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING & INNOVATION

Summary of Awards for Pollinator Habitat Program

Environmental Farming Act,
Science Advisory Panel – May 2023

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Funding Appropriation

SB 170, Skinner. Budget Act of 2021.

Chapter 240. SEC. 170. Item 8570-102-0001. (1). 7.

"Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$15,000,000 shall be available for the Pollinator Habitat Program. The department shall prioritize the planning of native habitats for the benefit of native biodiversity and the use of locally appropriate native plant seed mixes when feasible."

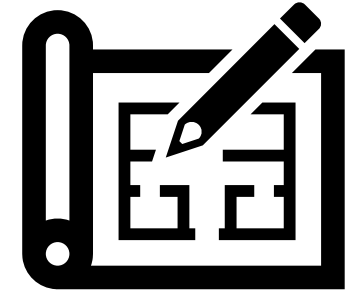
The Pollinator Habitat Program will provide up to \$14.25 million in funding to established and experienced organizations to work directly with farmers and ranchers to install habitat and implement management practices that support pollinators.

Award Term and Maximum Grant

- Three Year Grant Term
- Maximum Award of \$2 Million
 - 18% can be used for technical assistance, administrative tasks, and indirect
 - The reminder will be flat payment for practice implementation
- Advance Payments may also be provided with justification and subject to CDFA's Grant Administration Regulations
- Reimbursement-Based Payments



Eligibility



- Resource Conservation Districts
- University of California, California State Universities, California Community Colleges
- Non-Profits
 - Including, Land Trusts with the conservation of agricultural lands as their mission or amongst their stated purpose
- Federally and California-Recognized Native American Indian Tribes

Agricultural commodity groups are encouraged to apply in partnership with the above eligible entities.

Must have demonstrated expertise and experience in habitat restoration on agricultural lands or implementation of conservation management practices that support pollinators.

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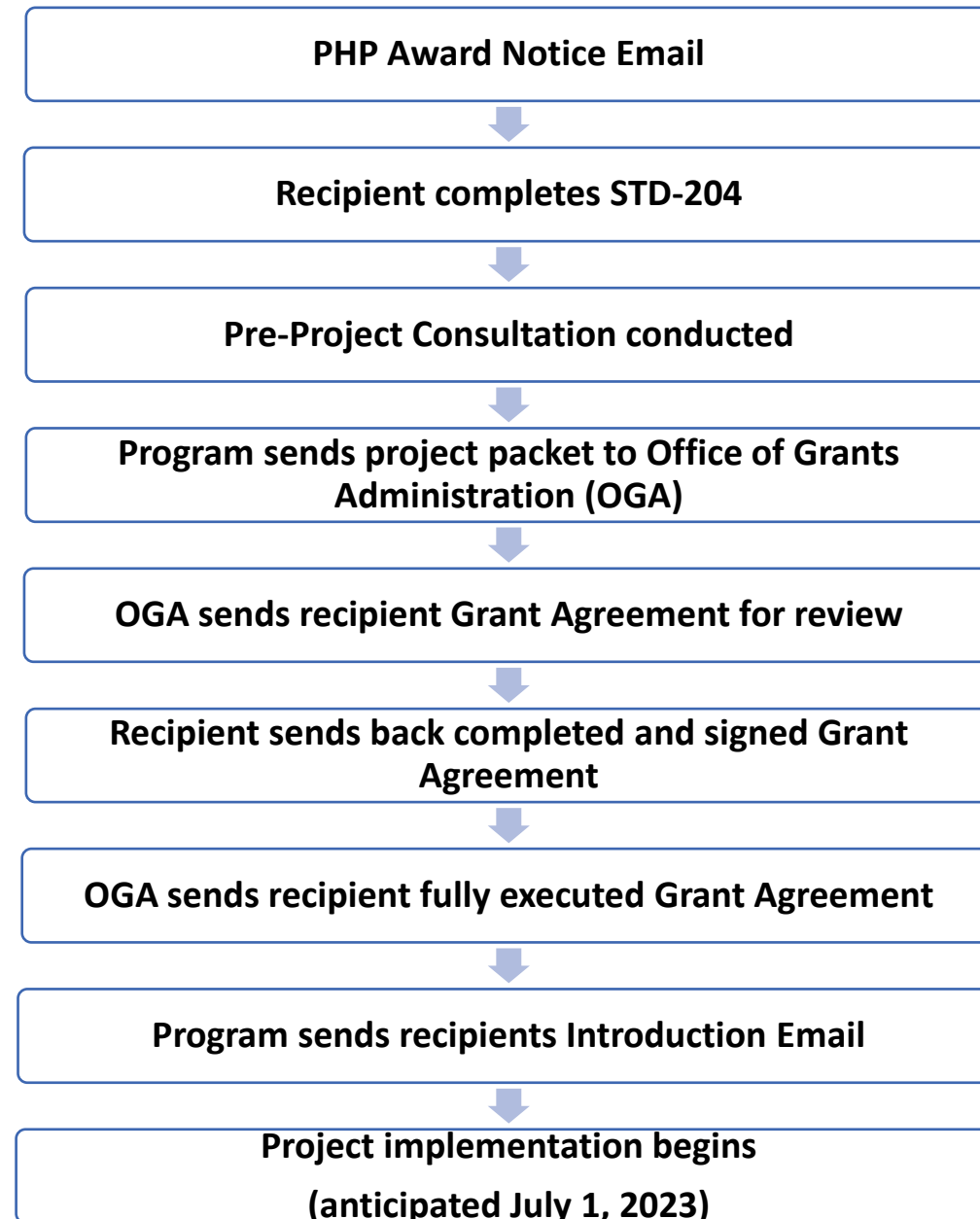
Program Activities

Recipients of PHP will perform the following activities during the grant term

- 1) Outreach to partner farmers and ranchers and identification of on-farm pollinator habitat project sites
- 2) Plan and implement the installation of conservation management practices in partnership with farmers and ranchers.



Award Execution and Implementation Timeline



Organizations who Applied and Requested Funds

- Fourteen applicants applied for a total of \$19,955,751.56
- Two applicants were determined to be ineligible
- Twelve applications moved onto technical review



Technical Competitive Review Process

Criteria	Maximum Points
Qualifications of Applicant	12
Strategic Partnerships	8
Workplan Merit and Feasibility	15
Budget	5
Commitment to Expending 25% of Funding to Support Pollinator Habitat with SDFR Partners	10
Total	50

- Technical reviewers were from CDFA and CDPR
- Each application had at least three reviewers and there was a consensus meeting held to prepare funding recommendations

Summary of Awards

CDFA has awarded 10 projects, totaling \$12.25 million

- Alameda County Resource Conservation District - \$177,988.15
- Almond Alliance of California - \$2,000,000.00
- American Olive Oil Producers Association - \$2,000,000.00
- Cachuma Resource Conservation District - \$1,990,000.00
- Colusa County Resource Conservation District - \$299,248.44
- Planet Bee Foundation - \$1,236,680.15
- Pollinator Partnership - \$1,997,869.93
- Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego - \$339,001.00
- The Xerces Society, Inc. - \$1,209,212.33
- Wopumnes Nisenan and Mewuk Heritage Society - \$1,000,000.00

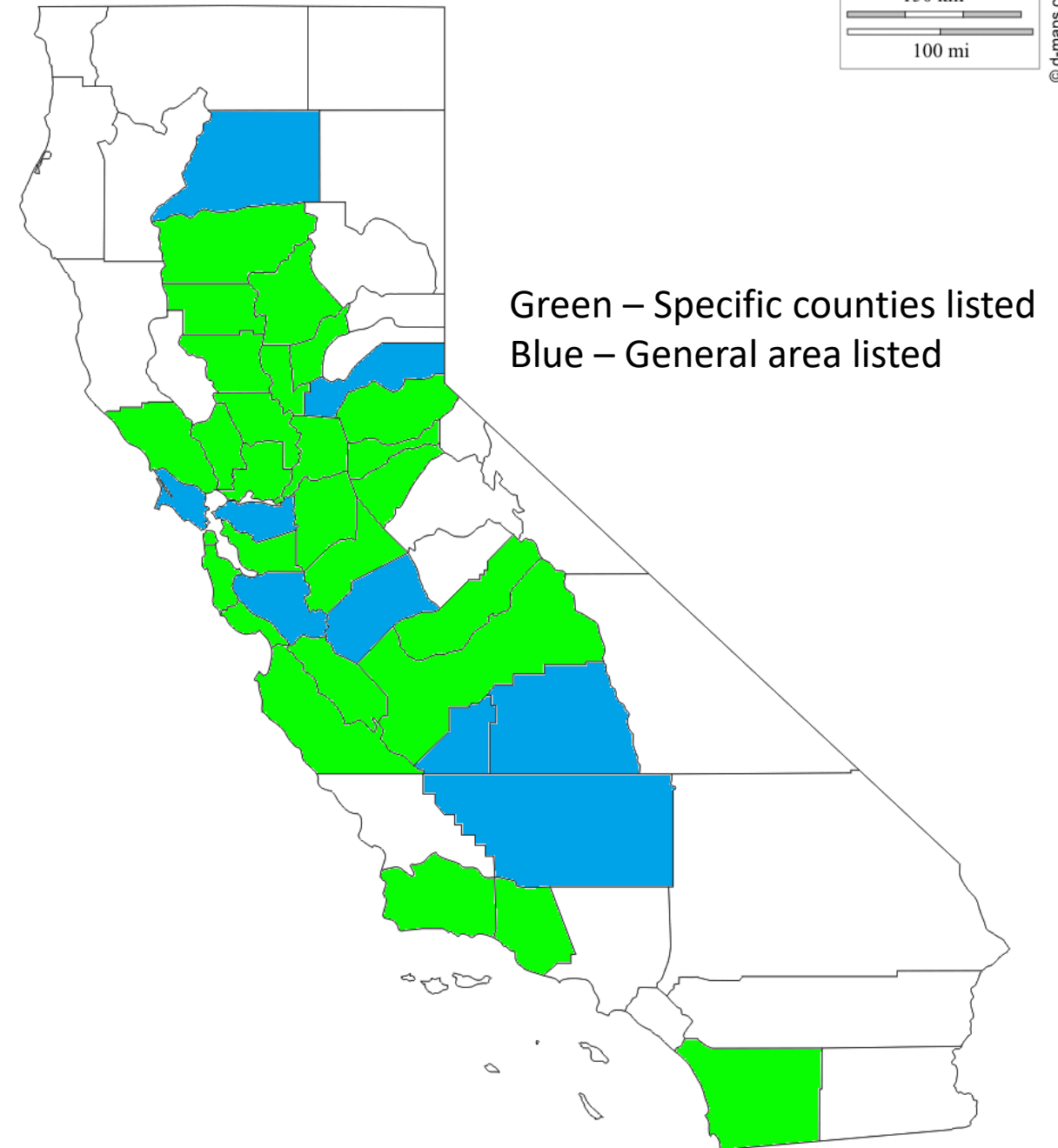


https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/php/docs/php_awarded_applications.pdf

Organization	Strategic Partnerships			
American Olive Oil Producers Association	Agricultural Center	A California State University	A Federally-Recognized Native American Tribe	
Almond Alliance of California	Native Seed Company			
Pollinator Partnership	Wild Farm Alliance			
Planet Bee Foundation	Local Community Center	Youth Urban Farm Project	Local Urban, Community, and Family Farms	
Xerces	Farm Partners	NRCS	Native Plant Nursery Collaborators	Food Industry Partners
Colusa County RCD	Neighboring RCD	County Ag Commissioner	Farm Bureau	
Cachuma Resource Conservation District	Environmental Group	Neighboring RCD	Local Botanical Garden	
San Diego RCD	Local Environmental Education Center	Local Pollinator Alliance		
Alameda County RCD	Local Farms	Local Conservation Partnership		
Wopumnes Nisenan and Mewuk Heritage Society	Local Garden Club	Local Native Plant Organization	Local Monarch Group	Local Agricultural Associations

Key	
RCD	Native Plants or Garden Related
Tribal	Farmer or Commodity Group
Pollinators	Education or Technical Assistance

Map of Awarded PHP Proposed Project Locations



Proposed Practices to Be Implemented

(In Order of Most Recipient Proposed)

- Hedgerow Planting (USDA NRCS CPS 422)
- Cover Crops (USDA NRCS CPS 340)
- Wildlife Habitat Planting (USDA NRCS CPS 420)
- Conservation Cover (USDA NRCS CPS 327)
- Pest Management Conservation System (USDA NRCS CPS 595)
- Field Border (USDA NRCS CPS 386)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (USDA NRCS CPS 390)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (USDA NRCS CPS 391)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (USDA NRCS CPS 612)



Deliverables from Pollinator Habitat Program

- Outreach to partner farmers and ranchers and identification of on-farm pollinator habitat project sites
- Plan and implement the installation of conservation management practices in partnership with farmers and ranchers
- Technical assistance to partner farmers and ranchers
- Provide training to partner farmers and ranchers on integrated pest management to protect pollinators
- Outcome Monitoring Plan – Execution of the monitoring plan in years 1-3 after the end of the grant term

Questions and Comments?

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