

# Proposed Block Grant Program

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POTENTIAL FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM (HSP) AND  
STATE WATER EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM(SWEEP)

# Potential Benefits



Enable greater administrative efficiencies and overcome resource constraints for CDFA



Block grant structure incorporates direct stakeholder feedback



Address farmer equity in program access with greater flexibility and enhanced local technical assistance



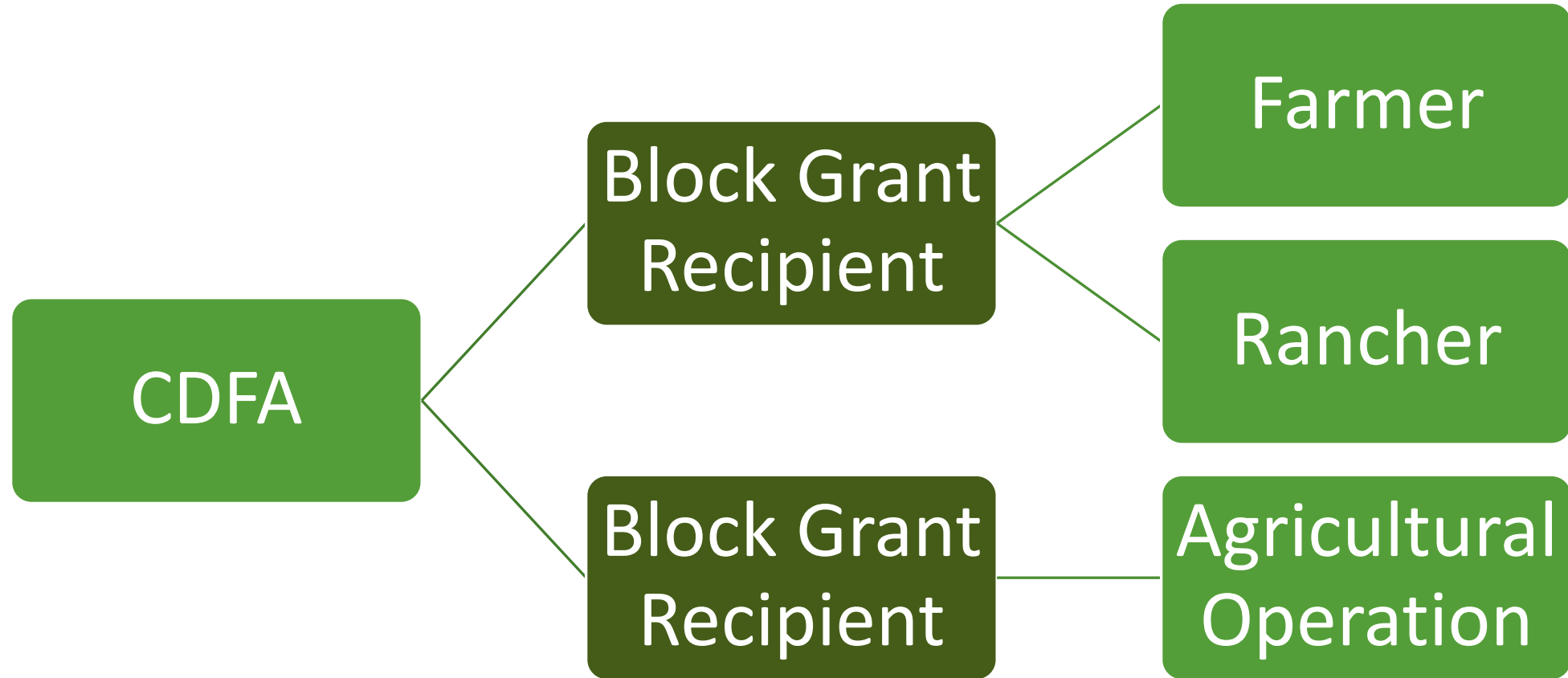
Regional support networks for farmers and ranchers



Capacity building through supporting local partnerships

# Potential Program Structure

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# Potential Eligibility

## Potential Applicant Organizations

- California-based non-profits organizations
- RCDs
- Irrigation Districts
- GSAs
- Air Pollution control districts
- Universities and ag colleges
- Land Trusts
- Tribes
- Partnerships - Community education specialists, agricultural cooperatives

## Potential On-Farm Grant Beneficiaries

- Farmers and ranchers including ag operations associated with Tribes, non-profits, urban farms, community gardens

# Potential Requirements



Technical Assistance Required



Controls for Conflicts of Interest



No charges for services



Every block grant awardee commit to at least 25% of support to SDFRs



Prioritize and track projects that benefit AB 1550 Priority Populations

# Potential Evaluation Criteria



Qualifications



Partnership



Merit and Feasibility of Workplan



Statement of Need



Budget

# Potential Reporting Requirements

## Ongoing communication, as on-farm projects are enrolled

- On-farm summary for projects entering program, GHG calcs (& water savings), project design and letter of commitment from growers

## Block grantee reports on:

- TA metrics and expenditures
- Admin activities
- On-farm project close outs

## Final Report

- Total Practice Metrics
- Total Equity Metrics

# Potential Reporting Requirements

## Block Grant Recipients will:

- Submit invoices at least quarterly, no more than monthly
- Receive advance payments with justification
- After advance is liquidated another advance can be requested



Today's Discussion

Initiate Listening Sessions

Prepare Draft Request for Grant Applications

Public Comment Period

Review of Feedback

Next Steps