



# Healthy Soils Program

CDFA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING & INNOVATION

**Environmental Farming Act**  
**Science Advisory Panel Meeting**  
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# Outline

- 2021-2022 Solicitation Overview
  - Incentives Program
- Next Steps/Timeline

# 2021 Solicitation Funding and Duration



- **Funding Sources:**

- ❑ Budget Act of 2021 – 75 Million
  - ❑ 50 Million from the California General Fund
  - ❑ 25 Million from CCI

- **Solicitation Duration:**

- ❑ HSP Incentives Program: November 1, 2021 – February 25, 2022
  - ❑ First-come, first-serve; Competitive
- ❑ HSP Demonstration Projects: November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022
  - ❑ Competitive award

- **Grant (Project) Duration (tentative):**

- ❑ Late Summer/Fall 2022 – August 1, 2025

# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview

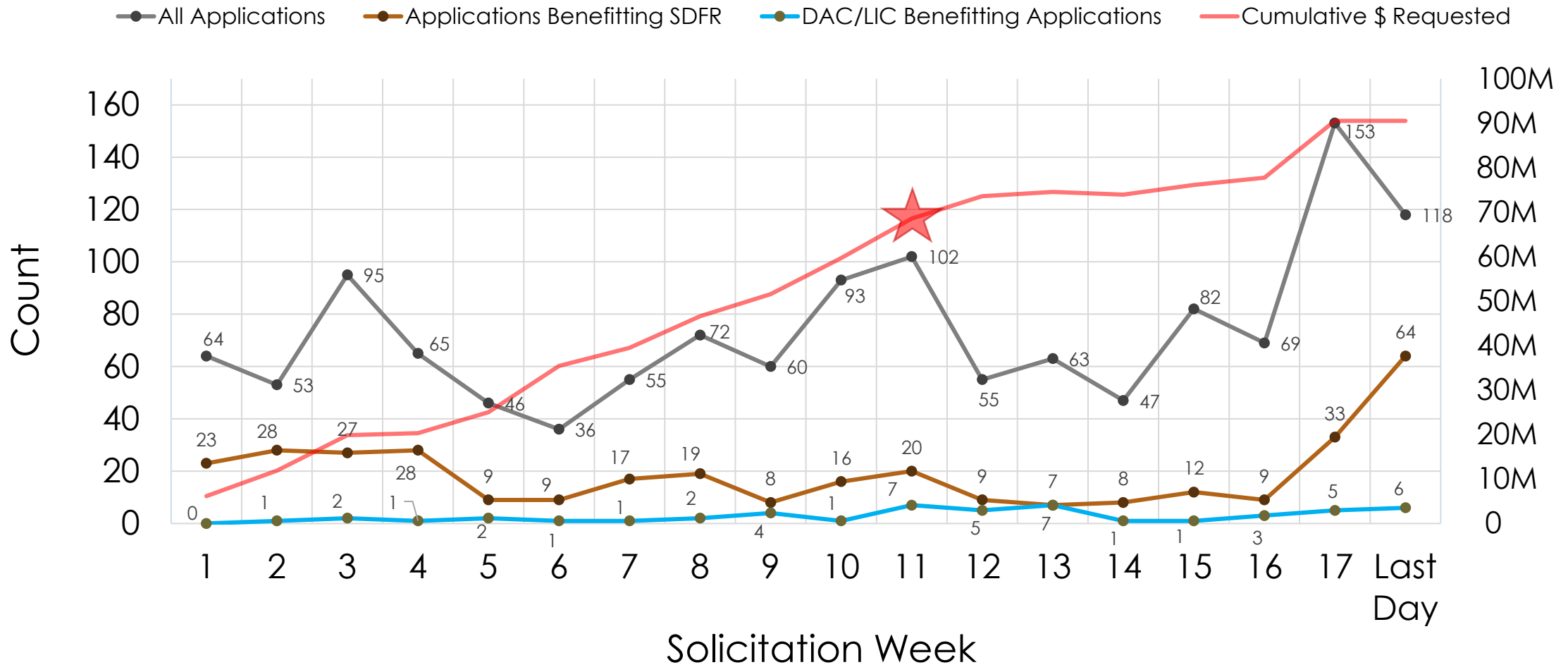
Solicitation window: November 1, 2021 - February 25, 2022

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Funds</b>
Total Unique Submitted Applications*	1328	\$90,524,501.64
Total Awarded Projects	940	\$66,311,545.38
Awarded SDFR Projects	304	\$18,080,359.01
Awarded Projects that benefit DAC/LIC	48	\$2,669,683.29

\*Submitted application numbers reflect those applications submitted to CDFA at solicitation close.

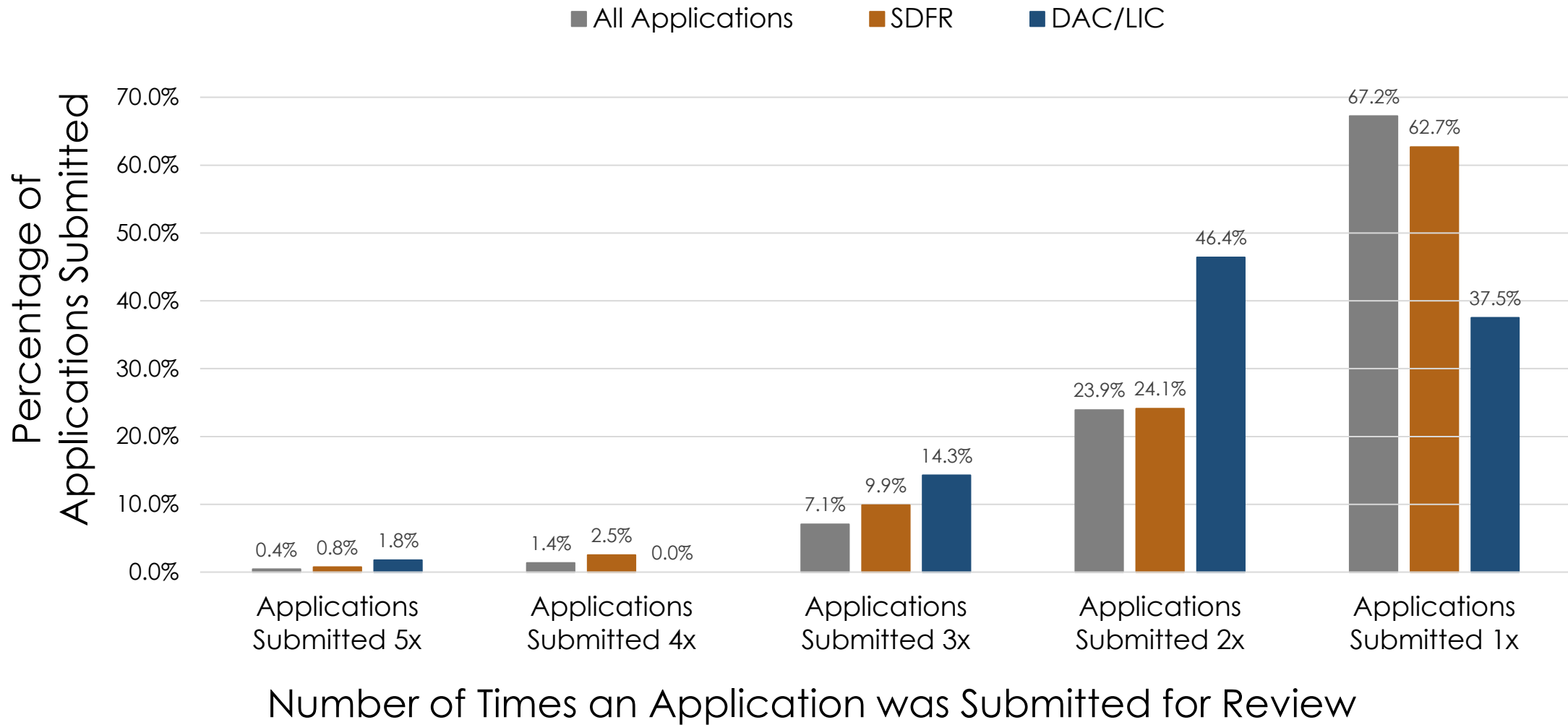
# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview – Week by week

## Submitted Applications by Week



\*Count is based on the last time each unique application was submitted to CDFA, does not include resubmissions.

# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview – Resubmission Analysis



\*Applications which meet both requirements – SDFR and provide benefits to DAC/LIC – are counted in each category.

# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview – Success on Submission

<b>Count of Projects Submitted &amp; Awarded*</b>	<b>All Projects Submitted</b>	<b>All Projects Awarded</b>	<b>SDFR Submitted</b>	<b>SDFR Awarded</b>	<b>DAC/LIC submitted</b>	<b>DAC/LIC Awarded</b>
<b>Applications Submitted 1x for Review</b>	942	661 (70.2%)	247	199 (80.6%)	21	19 (90.5%)
<b>Applications Submitted 2x for Review</b>	335	214 (63.9%)	95	72 (75.8%)	26	22 (84.6%)
<b>Applications Submitted 3x for Review</b>	99	56 (56.6%)	39	24 (61.5%)	8	7 (87.5%)
<b>Applications Submitted 4x for Review</b>	19	5 (26.3%)	10	5 (50.0%)	0	0
<b>Applications Submitted 5x for Review</b>	6	3 (50.0%)	3	3 (100.0%)	1	1 (100.0%)

\*Counts based on every application received by CDFA during the solicitation period, including applications not resubmitted after disqualification. Applications can be both by SDFRs and provide benefits to DAC/LIC.

# 2021 Solicitation Incentives Overview

## – Assistance with Applications Received

<b>Technical Assistance</b>	<b>Applications Assisted (#,%)</b>	<b>Funds Requested (\$, %)</b>
HSP Technical Assistance Provider	417 (31.4%)	\$24,194,140.70 (26.7%)
UCCE Climate Smart Agriculture Community Education Specialist	158 (11.9%)	\$11,785,717.70 (13.0%)
Others	111 (8.4%)	\$8,240,539.40 (9.1%)
No Assistance	642 (48.3%)	\$46,304,103.90 (51.2%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>\$90,524,501.60</b>



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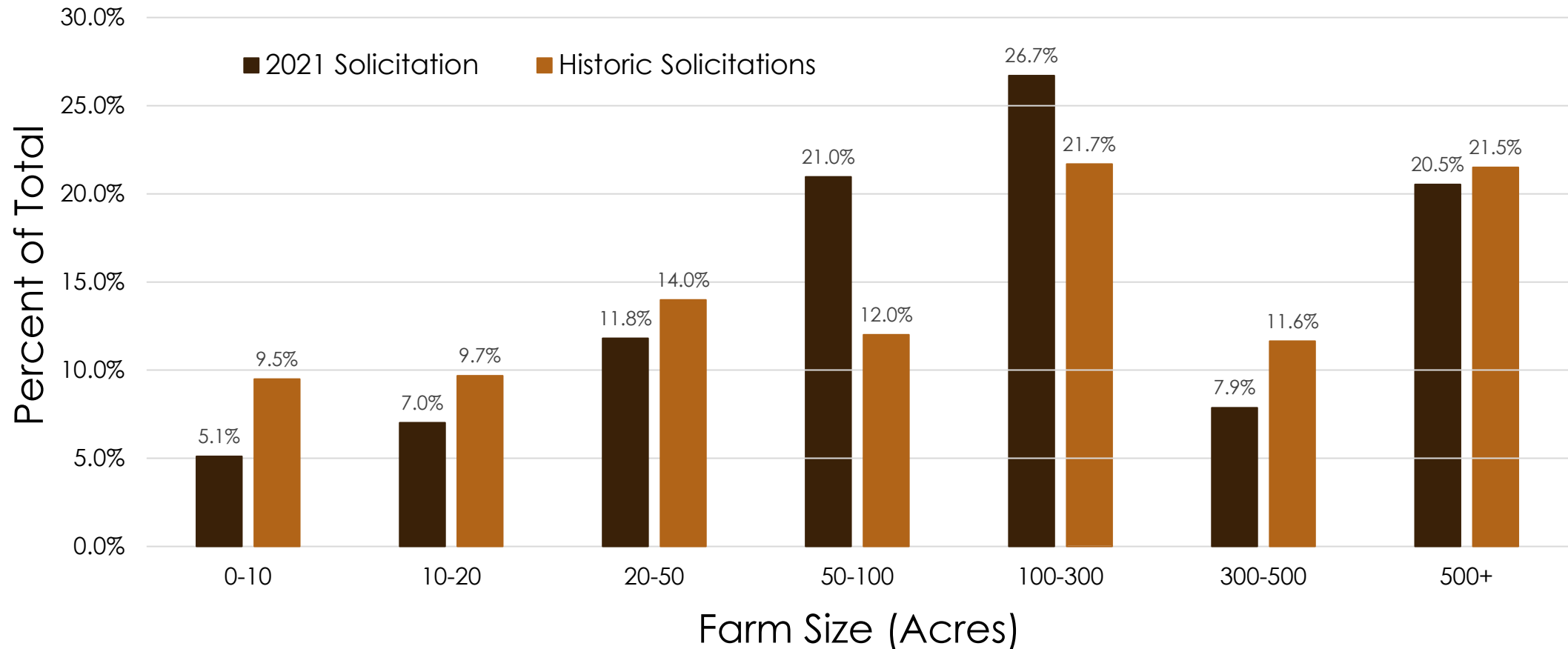
## – Assistance for Applications Awarded

<b>Technical Assistance</b>	<b>Applications Assisted Success Rate (%)</b>	<b>Awarded Assisted Applications*</b>
HSP Technical Assistance Provider	73%	305
UCCE Climate Smart Agriculture Community Education Specialist	94%	148
Others	83%	92
No Assistance	65%	420

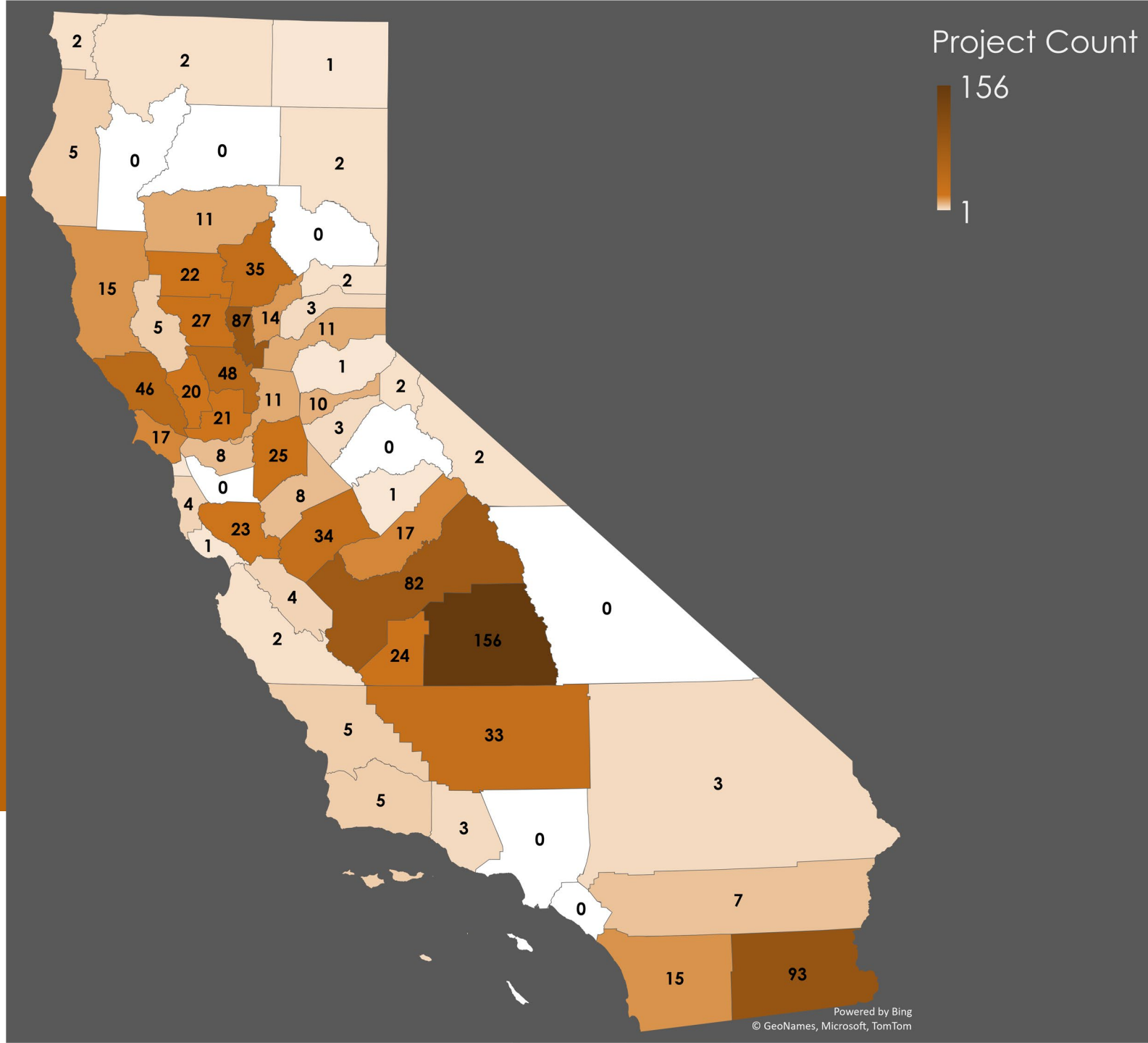
\*Some applications received assistance from more than one assisting group.

# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview - Farm Size Distribution

2021 Solicitation Awarded Projects  
vs.  
Active/Completed Projects from Historic Solicitations



# 2021 Incentives Solicitation Overview - Locations



\*Projects in multiple counties were counted for each county

# Next Steps for HSP Incentives - Improvements

- OEFI conducted listening session / workshop with TAPs and CES Spring/Summer 2022 after the Solicitation
- HSP Team received good feedback for how to improve process
- Currently working on changes to streamline the application process and improve our webtools such as Comet Planner and RePlan
- Programmatic changes to take stakeholder feedback in consideration – will present full list at next meeting
  - Prioritizing stacked practices applications
  - Landownership/lease terms
  - Etc.

# Next Steps for HSP Programs - Timeline

Activity	Timeline (Subject to change)
Executing 2021 Grant Agreements	On-going
2021 Incentives Grant Agreement Start Date	August 1, September 1, or October 1, 2022
2021 Demonstration Grant Agreement Start Date	September 1, or October 1, 2022
Anticipated Future Funding for HSP (85 million)	Summer 2022
Anticipated Next Solicitation	TBD

# Thank you! Questions?



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