

**2020 HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
March 20, 2020**

1. Q. Can a qualified entity apply for two demonstration projects on the same farm in order to demonstrate practices on two different crop types?
A. More than one farm may be included in a single application; however, the same farms cannot be listed on multiple applications.

2. Q. Are we allowed to identify the field with the parcel that represents the majority of the field?
A. No, the field should contain all APNs where the HSP practice will be implemented on.

3. Q. Is a proposed project eligible for the HSP Demonstration Project funding if it consists of treatments that include one-time higher rate compost application on rangeland, biochar, and ground rock to assess the differences in rangeland soils.
A. Yes, but the applicant should not use HSP funds to purchase materials or implement practices that are not listed in the 2020 HSP Demonstration Projects Request for Grant Applications.

4. Q. Does CDFA limit the application of a 20% indirect cost rate over a certain amount for subcontractor costs?
A. A 20% indirect cost rate applies to all applicants from all other organizations except UC and CSU, no matter if it is a lead applicant or a subcontractor. CDFA has no limit on the total funding amount a subcontractor can request as long as the total funding amount requested for the application does not exceed the maximum amount for the Project Type (\$250,000 for Type A and \$100,000 for Type B), and sufficient justification is provided in the budget worksheet.

5. Q. If a farmer is interested in collaboration in a HSP Demonstration Project, who do they contact?
A. The farmer needs to reach out to primary investigator who works at Not-for-profit entities, University Cooperative Extensions, Federal and University Experiment Stations, Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), or Federal and California Recognized Native American Indian Tribes.

6. For a project with three treatments, such as cover crop, compost application and no-till, along with control, are replications and control needed for every combination of these practices, or a system of stacked practices in comparison to a control?
A. For all demonstration projects, treatments must include single practices (e.g., cover crop, compost application and no-till alone) and a control in comparison to any of the single treatments (e.g., control field should have no cover crop, no compost application, and conventional tillage). An application including stacked or combined practices are optional and may receive more points at review. For

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Type A projects, all treatments and control must be replicated at least three times. Replicate is not required for Type B projects but encouraged.