

**2020 HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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1. Q. An application is proposed to implement compost application on cropland to evaluate soil health improvement and other benefits such as microbial activity for breaking down pesticides (specifically pyrethroids). Will costs for testing pyrethroids in tailwater runoff be allowable cost and eligible for funding?
A. Applicants are welcome to include additional data collection on soil health and co-benefits, besides data collection required by the program. Please refer to the [DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS](#) section within the [HSP Demonstration Projects RGA](#) for further guidance.
2. Q. Can one large, diversified farm with different agricultural systems be included in two demonstration projects that are located on different APNs in different counties?
A. Same farm cannot be listed on multiple applications (see page 5 under Eligibility in the [RGA](#)).
3. Q. In the HSP Demonstration Project Grant Practices, the payment rate is not listed, as it is listed in the HSP Incentives Project Grant Practices. Am I correct to assume the payment rates that are listed for the Incentives Program practices, are the same for the Demonstration Program?
A. HSP Demonstration Projects applicants are not required to follow the standard payment rates when preparing their Budget. Instead, an itemized budget worksheet template is provided and required. A link to the 2020 HSP Demo budget is provided here:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/docs/2020_HSP_Demo_Budget_Worksheet.xlsx
4. Q. Can one farm receive a HSP Demonstration grant as well as a HSP Incentives grant?
A. Such applications may be eligible but must consider implementing different practices on distinct APNs. Note that applicants cannot use HSP Demonstration Projects grant money as cost share for HSP Incentives projects, vice-versa.
5. Q. Are cities / local government entities eligible for Healthy Soils Program demonstration grants?
A. No.
6. Q. Can an applicant request a 20% indirect cost rate for a subcontractor that has already requested an indirect cost?
A. Yes. Sub-contractor's indirect cost rate should be limited to 25% for UC/CSU and 20% for all other organizations.
7. Q. How do American Indian Tribes farming on tribal land find their APN number if they do not pay federal taxes?
A. Please determine using [CDFA HSP Re-Plan Tool](#) and check with local county assessor's office for this information.