

THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING & INNOVATION



healthy soils program

2017 HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM INCENTIVES PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP GRANTS

*Request for
Applications*

Released

July 7, 2017

Application Submission Period

Starting on July 7, and no later than July
20, 2017, 5:00pm PST



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2017 HSP Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshops Grant REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will award between \$2,500 to \$5,000 to non-profit organizations, California Resource Conservation Districts or California academic institutions that will provide Technical Assistance Workshops and application assistance to support the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Incentives Program. The HSP Incentives Program is designed to provide financial incentive to farmers and ranchers to implement several specific management practices that build carbon, reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs), sequester carbon and provide multiple other benefits in soils. This program is one of the action items identified in the [California Healthy Soils Initiative](#). CDFA was appropriated \$7.5 million in FY 2016-17 from the California Climate Investments Program for the HSP. CDFA has allocated approximately \$3.75 million to the HSP Incentives Program.

Technical assistance will be made available through a \$25,000 partnership grant between CDFA and the Strategic Growth Council to achieve the mutual objective of providing technical assistance to HSP Incentives Program applicants. Technical assistance workshops that provide hands-on application assistance are critical to the success of HSP and the implementation of conservation management practices that reduce greenhouse gases and increase soil health. The provision of technical assistance can improve HSP accessibility to agricultural operations that otherwise may not have the resources or technical expertise to complete required calculations and submit an application.

FUNDING & DURATION

CDFA will award between \$2,500 and \$5,000 per organization. Funding is contingent upon several minimum requirements and will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis (see Deliverables below).

Workshops must be conducted between August 1 - 22, 2017, and technical assistance for application submission must be made available for the duration of the application period to workshop attendees that request follow-up.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

California academic research institutions, California Resource Conservation Districts and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Only one submission per organization (e.g., one application per Resource Conservation District) will be considered to ensure wide distribution of these funds. CDFA reserves the right to select awardees throughout the state to ensure wide distribution of these funds since HSP is a statewide program.

DELIVERABLES:

1. HSP Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshop(s) must include:
 - a. Review of HSP Incentives Program application materials including how to use QM (Quantification Methodology) tools; training materials will be provided by CDFA.
 - b. A conservation management practice expert that is available to growers to field technical questions and assist in submitting HSP Incentives Program applications.

- c. Internet access to allow HSP Incentives Program applicants to access the electronic application.
 - d. At least one workshop should be held within disadvantaged communities (bilingual outreach and assistance is also encouraged).
2. Workshop follow-up should include:
- a. Computer access for HSP Incentives Program applicants shall be made available for the duration of the application period for submittal.
 - b. Availability of the expert to field technical questions and assistance in application submission for the duration of the application period.
3. Organizations will submit a 1-page summary report on the workshops within 30 days of holding the workshops.
- a. Organizations are encouraged to host multiple workshops with the available funds including workshops within disadvantaged communities as identified by the California Communities Environmental Health Screening tool: (CalEnviroScreen) <http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html>

HOW TO APPLY

Technical Assistance applications must be submitted by email to: cdfa.oefi@cdfa.ca.gov beginning on Jul 7, 2017 and extending through July 20, 2017 by 5.00 P.M. PST. Applications will be funded on a first come-first served basis until the total available funds are exhausted.

Applicants must complete the enclosed workshop application form.

TIMELINE

Item	Estimated Dates
Request for applications released	July 7, 2017
Applications due anytime between	July 7 - July 20, 2017
Application evaluation period	July 20-24, 2017
Announce awardees	July 25, 2017
Awardees announce workshops	August 1, 2017
Awardees hold workshops	August 2 - 22, 2017
Summary report to CDFA	Due by September 23, 2017

2017 HSP Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshops

GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant Organization

Name of Applicant Organization	
Organization Address	
Organization Type (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> NonProfit <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Institution <input type="checkbox"/> RCD

Workshop Lead & Contact Person

Contact Person(s)	
Contact Person E-mail	
Contact Person Phone	
Workshop Lead(s)	

Funding Request (must be between \$2,500-\$5,000)

Amount of Funding Requested	\$
Number of Workshops Provided	

Workshop Requirements

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING APPLICANT MUST:

- Agree to all workshop requirements
- Read and complete Description of Resources column in Table below

Minimum Workshop Requirements	Description of Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide computers with internet access to complete and submit HSP Incentive applications	Computer access for HSP – Incentive Program applicants shall be made available for the duration of the application period for submittal (http://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/LoginLinks/FAASTFAQs_101615.pdf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide technical expertise in conservation management practices to growers in support of HSP Incentives Program applications	Provide conservation management practices expertise to growers to field technical questions and assist in submitting applications for the duration of the application period. Name of Technical Expert: Technical Expert email address: Technical Expert phone number:
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold at least one workshop within a Disadvantaged Community (bilingual outreach and assistance is encouraged)	City Workshops Held: County Workshops Held: Description of bilingual outreach (if applicable):
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide workshop summary report to CDFA	Provide a one page summary document to CDFA on number of workshop attendees, photographs of workshops, locations of the workshop and any other pertinent information to CDFA 30 days after the workshop(s).
<input type="checkbox"/> Review HSP Incentives Program Application Materials	CDFA will provide applicants with relevant HSP – Incentive Program application materials which must be reviewed prior to hosting a workshop.