



Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program (CAPGP)



CDFA CAPGP Stakeholder Workshop
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Program Background

- ▶ This program will fund the development of various types of agricultural conservation activity plans (CAPs) related to CDFA's Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) programs. CSA addresses risks that climate change poses to agriculture.
- ▶ The funded plans will promote CSA efforts which will help to mitigate GHG emissions, adapt to climate change impacts and promote environmental and agricultural sustainability.

Funding and Duration

- ▶ The maximum award amount is \$250,000 per applicant.
- ▶ The maximum cost reimbursed is \$20,000 per agricultural operation.
- ▶ Multiple plans may be used to account for the maximum award amount per agricultural operation.
- ▶ Matching funds are not required but encouraged.
- ▶ Grant funds may not be expended prior to execution of the grant agreements for awarded projects, or after the completion of the grant agreement term.
- ▶ The duration of the grant agreement is 24 months from the date of execution.

Eligibility

- ▶ This program is designed to provide funding to eligible entities in California to assist California farmers and ranchers in developing plans for on-farm use. The following entities in collaboration with farmers or ranchers on private or recognized Native American Indian Tribal lands are eligible to apply:

Eligibility

- ▶ Technical Service Providers (TSPs) registered by [USDA NRCS](#)
- ▶ Not-for-profit entities including agricultural industry not-for-profit entities
- ▶ Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs)
- ▶ Federal and University Experiment Stations
- ▶ University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension
- ▶ Public universities such as University of California, California State University and community colleges
- ▶ Agricultural cooperatives
- ▶ Federal and California Recognized Native American Indian Tribes
- ▶ Farmers and Ranchers (must provide qualified experts that meet eligibility criteria)
- ▶ Certified professionals (including, but not limited to: Certified Crop Advisor, Pest Control Advisor, Certified Rangeland Manager)

Program Update

Timeframe	Activity
April 29, 2021	CAPGP Draft RFP presented to EFA SAP
May 13 - June 16, 2021	Public Comment Period (Round 1)
July 15, 2021	CAPGP update presented to EFA SAP
September 16 - October 19, 2021	Public Comment Period (Round 2)

Key Changes Made

- ▶ Farmers and ranchers are eligible applicants (must provide qualified experts)
- ▶ Added Federal and California Recognized Native American Indian Tribes as eligible applicants
- ▶ Added Certified professionals (including, but not limited to: Certified Crop Advisor, Pest Control Advisor, Certified Rangeland Manager) as eligible applicants
- ▶ Grant agreement length will be 24 months
- ▶ Applications will be received on a competitive (not rolling) basis
- ▶ Dairy operations added to definition of “agricultural operation”

Next Steps

- ▶ Provide CAPGP update to EFA SAP on October 14, 2021
- ▶ Incorporate Round 2 of Public Comments into RFP (where feasible)
- ▶ Release RFP in late 2021/early 2022 depending on funding availability

Thank you!

Questions?

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