CDFA CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND

The Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program (CAPGP) is a new program in the Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation. This program will fund the development of plans that will help farmers and ranchers identify actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation, further environmental stewardship on farms and ranches and ensure agricultural food security into the future.

ELIGIBILITY

➢ **Individuals**

- Technical Service Providers (TSPs) registered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Farmers and ranchers – in collaboration with qualified experts that meet minimum qualifications criteria
- Professionals with the following certifications: Certified Crop Advisor(CCA), Pest Control Advisor (PCA), Certified Rangeland Manager

➢ **Federal and California-Recognized Native American Indian Tribes**

➢ **Organizations**

- Not-for-profit entities including agricultural industry not-for profit entities
- Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs)
- Federal and University Experiment Stations
- University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources(UC ANR) and Cooperative Extension (UCCE)
- Public universities such as University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and community colleges
- Agricultural cooperatives
- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

FUNDED PLANS

- Agricultural Energy Design
- Carbon Farm Planning
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Grazing Management
- Irrigation Water Management
- Nutrient Management
- Organic Transition
- Pollinator Habitat
- Pest Management
- Soil Health Management

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFRs) applications that meet minimum qualifications.
- Non-farmer applicants that commit to expending 25% of the funding to provide planning assistance to the SDFRs.

$15 million
funding provided by CDFA

$6 million
reserved for organic transition plans

$250,000
maximum award per applicant

25%
of funding to benefit SDFRs