



2016 SWEEP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP GRANTS

Released

May 9, 2016

Applications Due

Starting on May 9, and no later than
May 20, 2016, 5:00pm PST

*Request for
Applications*



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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 State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP). The 2016 SWEEP funding arises from the Budget Act of 2015, SB 101, (Chapter 321, Statutes of 2015), which authorizes CDFA to “support greenhouse gas emission reductions through water and energy efficiency grants promoting water and energy savings.” The Program’s objective is to provide financial incentives for California agricultural operations to invest in water irrigation systems that reduce (GHG) emissions and save water.

Technical assistance will be made available through a \$50,000 partnership grant between CDFA and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) to achieve the mutual objective of providing technical assistance to SWEEP applicants. Technical assistance workshops that provide hands-on application assistance are critical to the success of SWEEP and the implementation of efficient irrigation systems to save water and reduce greenhouse gases. The provision of technical assistance can improve SWEEP accessibility to farming 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 June 20 - August 5, 2016, 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 SWEEP is a statewide program.

DELIVERABLES:

1. SWEEP Technical Assistance Workshop(s) must include:
 - a. Review of SWEEP application materials; training materials will be provided by CDFA.
 - b. An irrigation system expert that is available to growers to field technical questions and assist in submitting SWEEP applications.
 - c. Internet access to allow SWEEP 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 SWEEP applicants shall be made available for the duration of the SWEEP application period for submittal.
 - b. Availability of the irrigation expert to field technical questions and assist 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.sweepstech@cdfa.ca.gov beginning on May 9, 2016 and extending through May 20, 2016 by 5.00 P.M. PST. Applications will be funded on a first come-first served basis until the total available funds are exhausted. CDFA's next 2016 SWEEP competitive solicitation is anticipated to be released on June 20, 2016. CDFA will provide application information to be highlighted in the workshops on June 20, 2016.

Applicants must complete the enclosed workshop application form.

TIMELINE

Item	Estimated Dates
Request for applications released	May 9, 2016
Applications due anytime between	May 9 - May 20, 2016
Application evaluation period	May 23 - May 27, 2016
Announce awardees	May 31, 2016
Awardees announce workshops	June 1 - June 19, 2016
Awardees hold workshops	June 20 - August 5, 2016
Summary report to CDFA	Due by September 5, 2016

2016 SWEEP Technical Assistance Workshops Grant WORKSHOP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant Organization

Name of Applicant Organization	
Organization Address	
Organization Type (<i>check one</i>)	<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 SWEEP applications	Computer access for SWEEP applicants shall be made available for the duration of the SWEEP application period for submittal http://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/LoginLinks/FAASTFAQs_101615.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide technical expertise in irrigation systems to growers in support of SWEEP applications	<i>Provide water irrigation system expertise to growers to field technical questions and assist in submitting SWEEP applications for the duration of the application period</i>
	Name of Technical Expert:
	Technical Expert email address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold at least one workshop within a Disadvantaged Community (<i>bilingual outreach and assistance is encouraged</i>)	City Workshops Held:
	County Workshops Held:
	Description of bilingual outreach (if applicable):
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide workshop summary report to CDFA	<i>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)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Review SWEEP Application Materials	<i>CDFA will provide applicants with relevant SWEEP application materials which must be reviewed prior to hosting a workshop</i>