CDFA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HELP AVAILABLE FOR CSA APPLICANTS AND AWARDEES

Technical assistance in the form of one-on-one and hands-on assistance to farmers and ranchers is critical to the success of CDFA's Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) programs, including the Healthy Soils Program (HSP), State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) and Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP). Assembly Bill 2377 of 2018 authorized CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation to administer a Technical Assistance Grant Program. Funds awarded through this competitive grant process are distributed to Resource Conservation Districts, the University of California Cooperative Extension and nonprofit organizations to help farmers and ranchers participate in CDFA's CSA programs.

In 2019-2020 CDFA provided 33 organizations with a total of $2.1 million in grants to support technical assistance for AMMP and HSP applicants and awardees.

Technical assistance is:

- **FREE** to farmers and ranchers
- Prioritized to farms 500 acres and smaller and to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers
- Available for application development and submission
- Ongoing for project implementation and meeting CDFA's reporting requirements

CDFA encourages farmers and ranchers to use these free services.

Learn more at www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/technical and follow us on Twitter @CDFAClimateNews

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UC ANR Community Education Specialists

CDFA partners with the University of California (UC), Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) to offer CSA technical assistance. UC ANR's ten Community Education Specialists, distributed throughout the state, work closely with UC Farm Advisors and deliver personalized one-on-one assistance through all phases of CDFA's Climate Smart Agriculture incentive programs. They work closely with CDFA staff in outreach efforts, provide application assistance to farmers and can facilitate reporting and invoicing.

Find your local Community Education Specialist at ciwr.ucanr.edu/Programs/ClimateSmartAg/TechnicalAssistanceProviders/