

Healthy Soils Program (HSP)

The California Land Stewardship Institute is accepting HSP applications soon. Sign up today to get started.

Funding

- Up to \$100,000 in funding available per application.

Eligibility

- California farmers, ranchers and Federal and California Recognized Native American Indian Tribes.
- Projects must be located on California agricultural operations, reduce agricultural GHGs and sequester soil carbon.
- Applicant must have control of the land for the duration of the grant
 - Letter of agreement from landowner for leased land is required
- One application per unique tax identification number.
- Implement at least one HSP Agricultural Management Practice on land where it was not implemented in the prior 3 years and not previously funded by CDFA.

Exclusions

- Grant funds cannot be used to implement practices other than those listed in the HSP.
- Grant funds cannot be used to fund fields or Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) with existing and ongoing implementation of any HSP agricultural management practices.
- Grant funds cannot be used to fund fields or Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) which a HSP Demonstration or Incentives project was previously awarded.
- Compost Application Practices cannot be implemented on APNs where soil organic matter content is greater than 20% by dry weight in top 20 cm (or 8 inch) depth. Primary area where this applies is the Delta.
- Grant funds cannot be used for projects that use potted plants or other plant growth media.

HSP ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

1. Cropland Practices

- Alley Cropping
- Compost Application
- Conservation Cover
- Conservation Crop Rotation
- Contour Buffer Strips
- Cover Crop

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1. Cropland Practices (cont.)

- Field Border
- Filter Strip
- Forage and Biomass Planting
- Grassed Waterway
- Herbaceous Wind Barrier
- Hedgerow
- Mulching
- Multi-story Cropping
- Nutrient Management (15% reduction in fertilizer application *only*)
- Residue and Tillage Management –No-Till
- Residue and Tillage Management –Reduced Till
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- Strip Cropping
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Vegetative Barriers
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

2. Orchard and Vineyard Practices

- Compost Application
- Conservation Cover
- Cover Crop
- Filter Strip
- Hedgerow Planting
- Mulching
- Nutrient Management (15% reduction in fertilizer application *only*)
- Residue and Tillage Management –No-Till
- Residue and Tillage Management –Reduced Till
- Whole Orchard Recycling
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

3. Grazing Land

- Compost Application
- Hedgerow Planting
- Prescribed Grazing
- Range Planting
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Silvopasture
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Deadline: May 10, 2024. Contact: Chris Kelley, Executive Director, 415-902-8115, chrisk@fishfriendlyfarming.org

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