



Community Forum on Regenerative Agriculture Grants & Funding Opportunities for Farmers & Ranchers

- Federal -

- [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Farmers' Guide to Farm Bill Programs](#) - brochure that describes assistance available through the 2018 Farm Bill for farmers, ranchers, and forest managers to fund, manage, conserve, and recover.
- [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#) - helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority natural resource concerns, with payments earned for conservation performance; *applications accepted throughout the year*
- [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) - California](#) - provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits, such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and improved or created wildlife habitat; *applications accepted throughout the year*
- [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\) Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants in California](#) - provides loans and grants for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems, and the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements; *currently accepting applications*
- [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) National Institute of Food & Agriculture - Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education \(SARE\) Grants](#) - website that lists all available SARE grant programs, to be conducted cooperatively by farmers, ranchers, researchers, and agriculture professionals to advance farm and ranch systems that are profitable, environmentally sound, and good for communities; *grants in several categories available at specific times of the year*

- State -

- [California Department of Food & Agriculture \(CDFA\) Grant Programs for Farmers](#) - website that lists all available CDFA grant programs for farmers.
- [California Department of Food & Agriculture \(CDFA\) Healthy Soils Program \(HSP\)](#) - HSP Incentive Grants provides financial assistance for implementation of conservation management that improves soil health, sequesters carbon, and reduces GHGs; **NOT currently accepting applications**
- [California Department of Food & Agriculture \(CDFA\) State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program \(SWEEP\)](#) - provides grants to implement irrigation systems that reduce GHGs and save water on agricultural operations; **NOT currently accepting applications**
- [California Department of Food & Agriculture \(CDFA\) Alternative Manure Management Program \(AMMP\)](#) - provides grants for the implementation of non-digester manure management practices, which will result in reduced GHGs; *applications closed, but next grant solicitation anticipated for Spring 2024*
- [California Department of Food & Agriculture \(CDFA\) Biologically Integrated Farming Systems \(BIFS\) Program](#) - grant program that provides outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical pesticide inputs; **NOT currently accepting applications**
- [California Strategic Growth Council \(CSGC\) Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation \(SALC\) Program](#) - utilizes Cap-and-Trade proceeds to protect agricultural lands on the outskirts of cities and near residential neighborhoods from conversion to more pollution-heavy land uses such as residential development; **NOT currently accepting applications**
- [California Department of Fish & Wildlife \(CDFW\) Grant Opportunities](#) - website that lists all available CDFW grant opportunities for fish and wildlife management, and watershed restoration, planning, and protection.
- [California Department of Fish & Wildlife \(CDFW\) California Waterfowl Habitat Program \(CWHP\)](#) - provides economic incentives to private landowners who agree to manage their properties in accordance with a wetland management plan developed cooperatively by CDFW biologists and the participating landowner; *applications accepted throughout the year*

- State (cont.) -

- [California Wildlife Conservation Board \(WCB\) California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program \(CRHCP\)](#) - provides grants to protect, preserve, and restore riparian habitats; *applications accepted throughout the year*
- [California Wildlife Conservation Board \(WCB\) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands \(ERAL\)](#) - provides grants for projects that provide long-term habitat benefits for wildlife, consistent with landowner objectives, including economic sustainability, and have the potential for replication on a statewide scale; *applications accepted throughout the year*
- [California Wildlife Conservation Board \(WCB\) Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program](#) - provides technical and financial assistance for the purpose of recovering and sustaining populations of monarch butterflies and other pollinators; *applications accepted throughout the year*
- [University of California \(UC\) Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program \(SAREP\) Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Small Grants Program](#) - funds research projects, educations and demonstration programs of science-based research, and projects that support the development of sustainable community food systems; ***NOT currently accepting applications***

- Other -

- [Community Alliance with Family Farmers \(CAFF\)'s Farmer Funding Opportunities Database](#) - CAFF's comprehensive database showing which grants are open for application, which on-farm activities or subjects they fund, paperwork needed for application, and more.
- [Zero Foodprint Restore California Grant](#) - funded by businesses across the food system to provide grants to farmers and ranchers for regenerative farming practices that build healthy soil and sequester carbon; *currently accepting applications through April 20, 2024*