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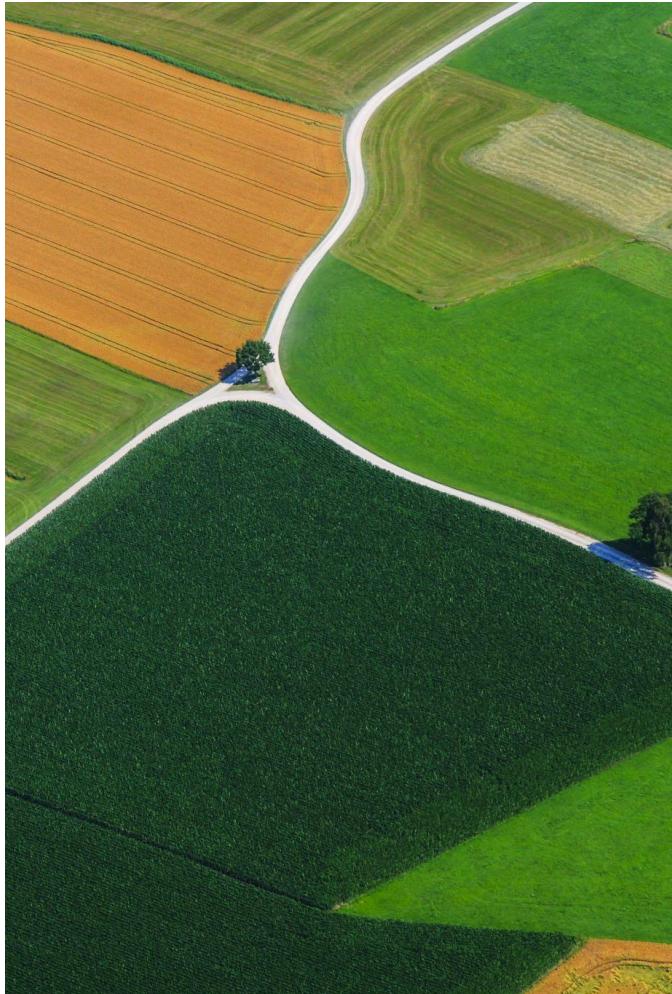


Public Comment Meeting 2020-2021 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Draft Guidelines

Planning Grants

March 9, 2022 | Sacramento, CA

Agenda



- Overview of SALC Program
- Overview of Planning Grants
- Public comment process



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SALC Goals

- Part of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Program
- Protect agricultural lands to support infill and compact development
- Contribute to carbon neutrality
- Support coordinated land use planning
- Support Executive Order N-82-20



Eligible Project Types

[Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants](#) to permanently protect croplands, rangelands, and lands utilized for the cultivation of traditional resources from conversion to non-agricultural uses.

[Agricultural Conservation Capacity and Project Development Grants](#) to increase development of agricultural conservation acquisition projects that protect important agricultural land under threat of conversion

[Planning Grants](#) to develop and implement plans for the protection of agricultural lands at risk of conversion to non-agricultural uses

Planning Grants Overview



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Opportunity to achieve
climate adaption and
resiliency, preserve ag,
and other
co-benefits



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Planning

- Development of comprehensive land use goals, policies and objectives.
- Land use planning authority must be the plans end user
- Guide land use decision making in some manner

Eligibility

- The proposal is for a land use plan that is consistent with SALC's goals.
- The proposal will avoid greenhouse gas emissions.
- Supports implementation of an Sustainable Communities Strategy
- The proposal demonstrates consistency with California's Planning Priorities

Project Ideas

- Protecting the agricultural land base
- Identifying infill development potential with complementary agricultural land conservation
- Developing the required local planning elements set forth in Government Code section 65560
- Supporting regional food systems, such as the processing and distribution of agricultural products

Project Ideas

- Avoiding greenhouse gas emissions
- Supporting implementation of sustainable communities strategy
- Supporting equitable land tenure for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and California Native American tribes
- Addressing unique regional threats to agricultural land such as groundwater availability, catastrophic wildfire
- Connecting rural agricultural land conservation and urban planning strategies; and
- Enhancing co-benefits (e.g., habitat, groundwater recharge)

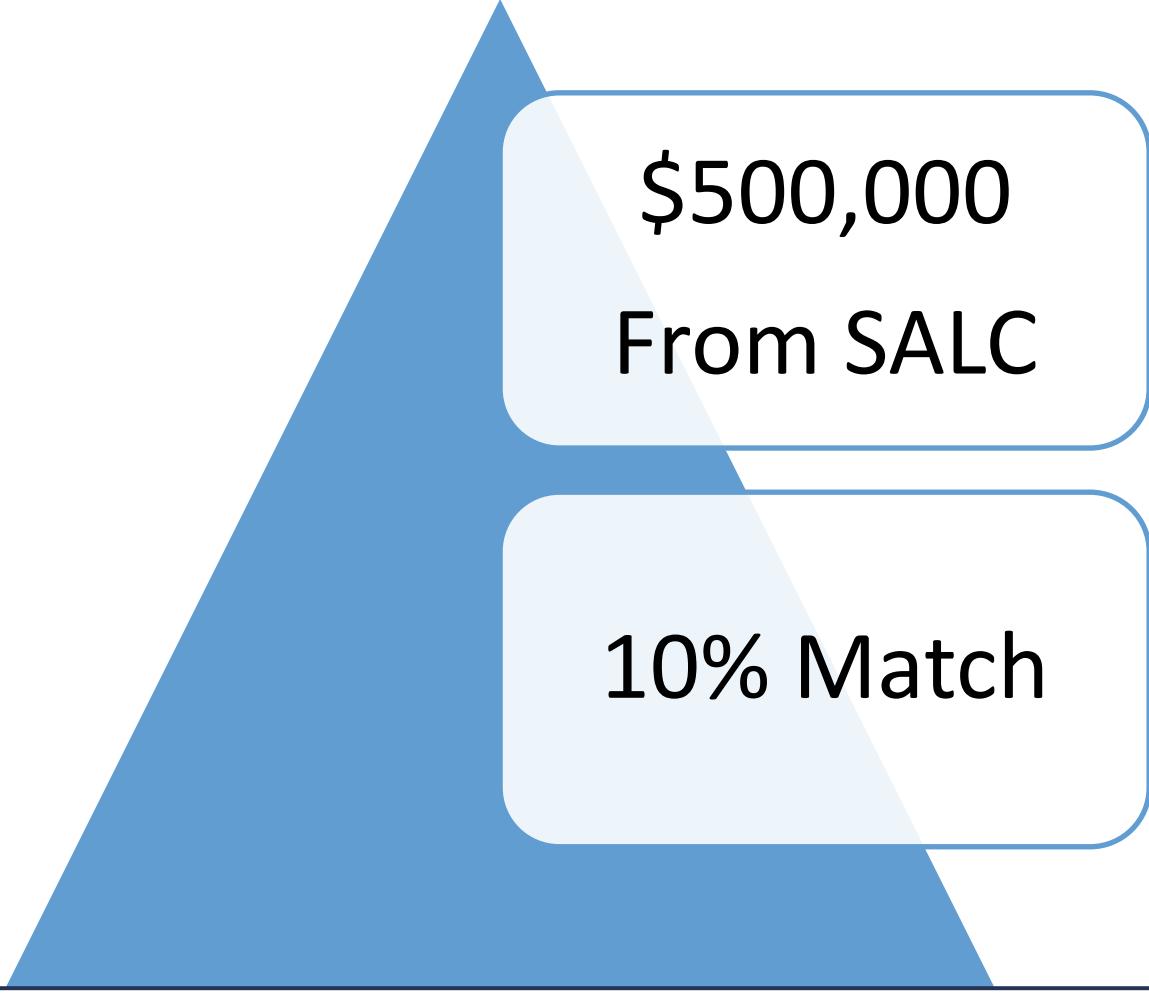
Lead Applicants

- Counties
- Cities
- Local Area Formation Commissions
- Councils Of Government
- Municipal Planning Organizations
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
- Special Districts With Land Use Or Transportation Planning Authority,
- Federally Recognized California Native American Tribe Or A Nonfederally Recognized California Native American Tribe That Is On The Contact List Maintained By The Native American Heritage Commission Are Eligible To Apply.

Partner Applicants

- Resource Conservation Districts
- Academic Institutions
- Land Trusts
- Other Agricultural Non-profit Organizations
- MOU With Partner Organization Which Has A Significant Role In Developing And Implementing The Plan

Funding



\$500,000

From SALC

10% Match



What's Included In Draft Guidelines

Program Guidelines

Main text of Guidelines package

Pre-proposal Template

Appendix D

Application Template

Appendix E

Grant Agreement Template

Appendix G

Technical Assistance & Pre-Proposal

- DOC Staff and Technical Assistance Providers are available to help develop potential projects.
- Pre-Proposals are not required; however, are highly encouraged.
- Recommend applicants reach out to SALC staff early in the process:
 - Summary
 - Work Plan
 - Budget

Next Steps

March 25th At 12 PM

- Public comment period closes

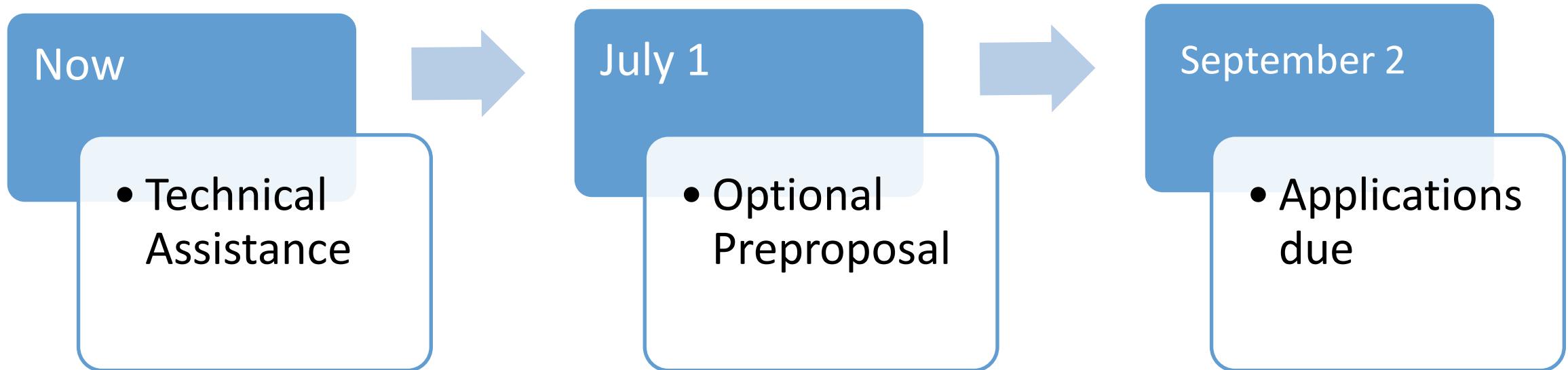
April 18th

- Program staff and management consider public comment and changes to draft guidelines
- Draft final guidelines and staff report posted

April 28th

- SGC consider adoption of final guidelines
- Location: online

Steps to Application



How to Provide Comments on the Draft

Now

- Ask questions
- Make comments

Email

- Need to be received by 12 pm March 25th
- salcp@conservation.ca.gov
- We will acknowledge receipt



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Questions and Comments





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Thank You!

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