Agenda

• Overview of SALC Program
• Overview of Planning Grants
• Public comment process
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
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
Opportunity to achieve climate adaption and resiliency, preserve ag, and other co-benefits
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,
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
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

Now
  • Technical Assistance

July 1
  • Optional Preproposal

September 2
  • Applications due
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
Questions and Comments
Thank You!

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