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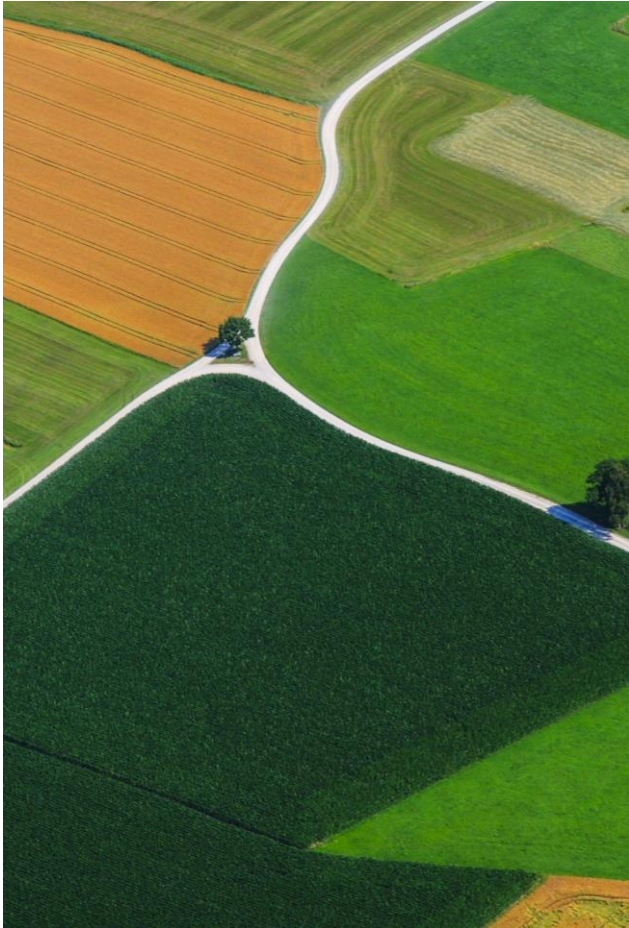


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Local and Regional Planning Grant Workshop

May 22, 2023

Agenda



- Survey
- SALC Overview
- Eligibility Criteria
- Pre-Proposal and Application Process
- Next Steps and Questions



Survey

Poll for SALC Round 9 Planning Pre-proposals

Thanks for taking this quick poll about your Round 9 pre-proposals! This will help us with our planning.

While pre-proposals are not required, we highly encourage them so that we can provide feedback and technical assistance where needed.

* Required

1. Do you plan on submitting a Round 9 Planning pre-proposal? *

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

2. Would you like additional technical assistance? If so, please describe what assistance you would be most helpful. *

Enter your answer

2. Any additional comments you'd like to share with us?

Enter your answer

3. Organization (applicant) name *

Enter your answer

4. Contact email address

Enter your answer

Submit



SALC Program & Planning Grants Basics



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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation

- **Protect** agricultural lands to support infill and compact development
- **Contribute** to carbon neutrality and build climate resilience
- **Safeguard** economic sustainability and food security
- **Protect** biodiversity
- **Enable** enduring conservation of working lands
- **Advance** equity and opportunity for all regions of California



Funding

- 10% of SGC's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program's Greenhouse Reduction Fund monies
- Round 8, SGC awarded \$74 million in funding for 24 easement projects, 20 capacity projects and 3 planning projects.
- Round 9 funding to be determined after May auction

SALC Project Types

Land Use Planning Grants - that support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land.

Acquisition Grants - To permanently protect important agricultural land under threat of conversion.

Capacity Grants - to expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects.



Awarded to Date

168 ACQUISITION
PROJECTS
TOTALING

194,000 ACRES
TO BE CONSERVED 

20 CAPACITY
GRANTS

30 PLANNING
GRANTS

MORE THAN
\$373
MILLION
AWARDED



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Land Use Planning Grants



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



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Connecting the Dots



https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALCP/Documents/salc_flipbook_pages_120619.pdf



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Project Examples

Prior year project summaries available on the SALC website



The screenshot shows the California Department of Conservation website. The header includes the department logo, the text "California Department of Conservation", and navigation links for "Information For" and "Divisions". A secondary navigation bar lists "Home", "DLRP", "Grant Programs", "Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation", and "Funded SALC Projects". A left sidebar menu contains links for "Home", "About DLRP", "California Environmental Quality Act (Land Protection)", "Conservation Districts", "Farmland Mapping", "Grant Programs", and "Williamson Act". The main content area is titled "Funded SALC Projects" and features a photograph of three small green plants growing out of stacks of coins. Below the photo, the text reads "FY 2021-22 (Round 8) Awarded Projects" and "Projects approved for funding by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) on December 15, 2022:". A bulleted list provides links to "Staff Report to the Council (PDF)", "Project Summaries (PDF)", and "Awarded Projects List (PDF)". The text "Additional information:" is located at the bottom of the content area.



Project Highlight: County of Ventura



Resilient Agricultural Lands Initiative

- Economic analysis
- Risk assessment
- Ag land mapping
- Land protection incentive program



Project Highlight: County of Merced



Groundwater Sustainability

- Designate ag lands to retire or restore
- Incentivize easement projects
- Promote groundwater recharge
- Improve economic viability



Eligibility Criteria



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Eligible 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



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Eligible Applicants (with MOU)

- 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



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Eligible Projects

- 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
- Avoiding greenhouse gas emissions



Eligible Projects

- Supporting implementation of sustainable communities strategy
- Supporting equitable land tenure
- Addressing unique regional threats to agricultural land
- Connecting rural agricultural land conservation and urban planning strategies
- Enhancing co-benefits (e.g., habitat, groundwater recharge)



Eligible Expenses

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- Fully burdened staff salary rates
- Approved direct expenses such as consultant fees, printing, etc..

Ineligible Expenses

- Costs incurred outside of the performance period
- Indirect/overhead costs
- Travel, food or beverages
- Costs for CEQA



Funding and Match

\$500,000
From SALC

10% Match

100% Funding may be available:

- Tribal applicants or co-applicants
- Demonstrating they provide meaningful benefits to a priority population.



Pre-Proposal and Application Requirements

Pre-proposal

- Basic information
- Executive Summary
- Application Questions
- Map(s) of the Project's Geographic Area

Application

- Completed Cover Sheet
- Executive Summary
- Application Questions
- Work Plan
- Budget
- Map(s) of the Project's Geographic Area
- Signed Authorizing Resolution from Governing Bodies

Optional

- Priority Population Benefits Checklist
- Stakeholder Collaboration Letters



Pre-proposal/Application Review Process

Eligibility Review

(pre-proposals and applications)

- ✓ Eligible applicant
- ✓ Consistency with SALC's goals.
- ✓ Clearly stated and reportable objectives, measures of progress and deliverables.
- ✓ Avoids greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Supports the implementation of an adopted or draft Sustainable Communities Strategy
- ✓ Demonstrates consistency with California's Planning Priorities.

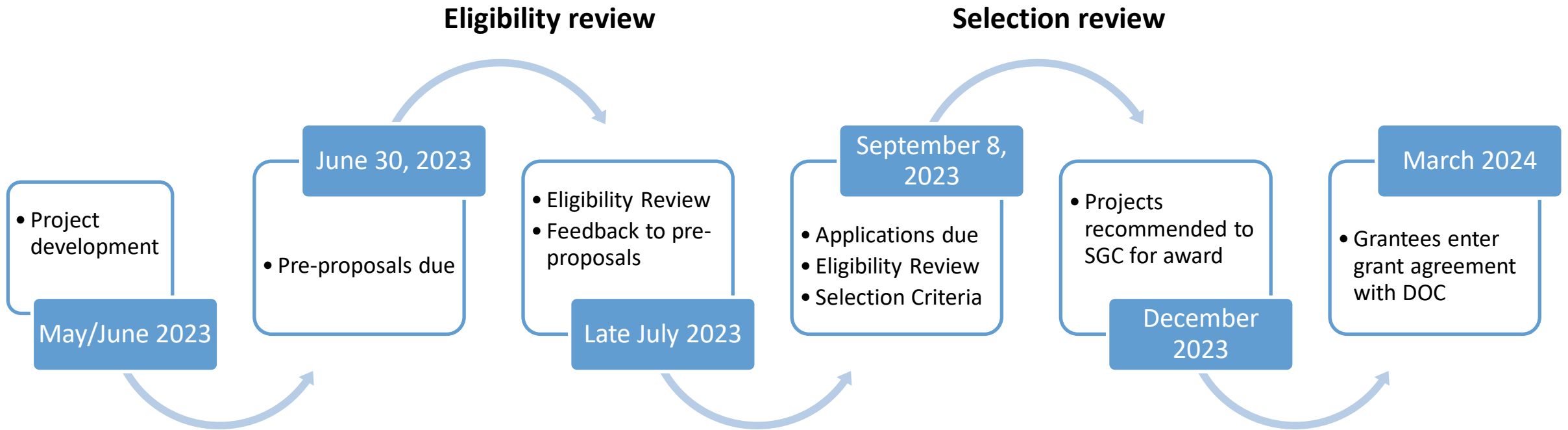
Selection Criteria

(applications only)

- Project Need (35 points)
- Co-Benefits (20 points)
- Proposal Evidences Collaboration (20 points)
- Planning Integration (10 points)
- Equity Opportunities (15 points)



Timeline



Questions and Comments





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Thank You!

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