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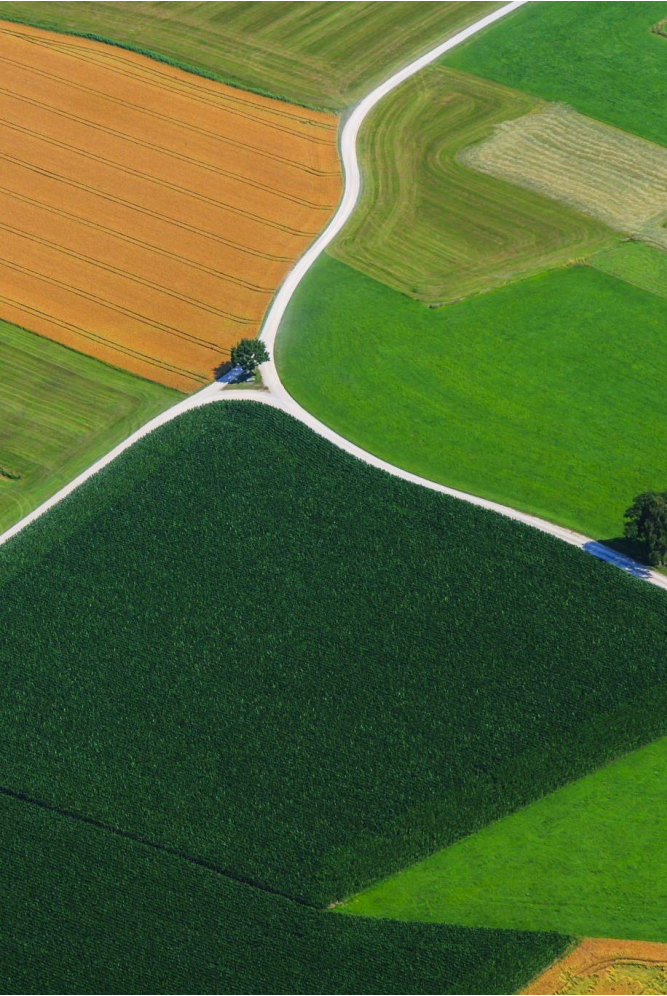


California
**Department of
Conservation**

Capacity and Project Development Grant Workshop

June 7, 2022

Agenda



- Survey
- Overview of SALC Program
- Review Capacity and Project Development Program
- Eligibility Criteria
- Application Process and Timeline
- Next Steps and Questions



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 the AHSC Program's GGRF monies
- Round 7 cycle awarded \$65 million in funding to 19 acquisition projects and 3 planning projects
- Round 8 funding to be determined after May auction



Eligible Project Types

Capacity and Project Development

Acquisitions

Land Use Plans



Capacity and Project Development Grants Overview



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Capacity Grants - Eligible Activities

- Build organizational and financial capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects
- Assist eligible applicants in developing agricultural conservation easement and fee acquisition projects
- Cover associated costs for acquisition projects funded by a non-DOC program



Capacity Overview

- Round 8 - \$3 million available
- Tier 1: Up to \$100,000 for first time capacity applicants with Department or who have 0-2 paid staff
- Tier 2: Up to \$250,000 to applicants who have received a capacity grant from the Department or have 3 or more paid staff
- Grant term – Three years



Capacity Grants - Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Counties
- Non-profit organizations
- Resource conservation districts (RCDs)
- Regional park or open-space districts
- Regional park or open-space authorities
- California Native American tribe (federally recognized)
- California Native American tribe (on NAHC list)



Capacity Grants - Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant is an Eligible Applicant as defined in the guidelines
- The proposal is for an eligible activity
- The proposal demonstrates that the requested funding will increase the applicant's capacity to initiate and conduct agricultural land conservation activities



Capacity Grants - Selection Criteria

Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Project Development Grants Selection Criteria	Points
Program Goals	
The extent to which the project(s) proposed for development meet the program's goals.	/35
Equity	
The extent to which the proposal will advance equity and opportunity by providing meaningful benefits to a priority population or increasing new, Veteran, or Native American farmer or rancher access or tribal access to State funding for agricultural conservation acquisitions.	/30
Sustainability	
The extent to which the application demonstrates that increased organizational capacity to develop projects will be sustained after the life of the grant.	/20
Budget	
The costs described in the applicant's budget are reasonable costs likely to be incurred in the development of one or more agricultural conservation acquisition projects.	/15
Total points received/Total points possible	/100



Capacity Grants – Required Application Materials

- Cover Sheet
- Executive Summary
- Narrative Questions
- Applicant Resolution of Support
- Work Plan
- Budget
- Documentation of Organizational Eligibility
- Project Boundary Maps (if available)

Tier 2 only:

- Documentation of Organizational Capacity
- Documentation of Fiscal Capacity



Organizational Capacity (Tier 2 applicants)

Tier 2 applicants must have:

- Board and/or management structure that provides oversight over staff work
- Tools and resources to track projects and the expenditure of grant funds, such as:
 - grant management software or spreadsheets
 - financial tracking systems
 - geographic information systems
- Professional staff within the applicant's employ who have the knowledge and expertise to successfully develop conservation acquisition projects
- Experience successfully developing conservation acquisition projects within the last three (3) years

Organizational Capacity (Tier 2 applicants)

- A staff time-keeping system with the capacity to generate reports that break time down by grant task and by person
- Staff or a contractor sufficiently skilled to track project financials in a way that allows for efficient and accurate invoice submission
- *(For non-profits only)* Accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission or adopted equivalent or greater policies regarding conflict of interest, amendments, monitoring, stewardship endowments, and enforcement, as relevant

Fiscal Capacity (Tier 2 applicants)

Tier 2 applicants must provide the following to demonstrate fiscal capacity to administer a grant:

- A copy of their current annual organizational budget
- A copy of the most recent financial audit (if an audit is not available, a copy of the organization's recent financial statements).



Capacity Application Deadline

Applications due Monday, August 8, 2022

Email applications to salcp@conservation.ca.gov



Questions and Comments





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Thank You!

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