



Healthy Soils Program Grant

Grant Period: November 1, 2023 – November 30, 2027

Grant Overview: The objectives of the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) grant are to increase statewide implementation of conservation management practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon, and reduce atmospheric greenhouse gasses (GHGs) by:

1. Providing financial incentives to California growers and ranchers to implement agricultural management practices that meet the program objectives;
2. Funding on-farm demonstration projects that conduct research and/or showcase conservation management practices that mitigate GHG emissions and improve soil health;
3. Creating a platform promoting widespread adoption of conservation management practices.

As the Grant Beneficiary, you will be expected to maintain implementation practices incentivized through the program through the grant period. Documentation related to HSP-funded projects must be maintained three (3) years after the project.

Technical Assistance Provider: Chico State, Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems

Eligibility and Requirements

Eligible Counties: Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, and Yolo

Maximum Funding Available Per On-Farm Project: \$200,000

NOTE - APN/fields where a same practice(s) was funded by the Healthy Soils Program previously are ineligible. Additionally, post-project soil samples and a soil organic matter analysis after the third year of implementation is required.

In accordance with CDFA requirements, 25% of funds will be allocated to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers. American Olive Oil Producers Association (AOOPA) member applications will receive preference in the selection process.

How to Apply

1. Sign up for the [AOOPA Newsletter](http://www.aopa.org) (www.aopa.org) to receive the Request for Application (RFA) announcement and required templates.
2. Once the AOOPA RFA period is open, complete and submit an **On-Farm Project** to include:
 - a. Completed Healthy Soils Program Application
 - b. Letter of Commitment
 - c. HS Block Grant On-Farm Project reporting template

Who to Contact

Please reach out to Kimberly Houlding, President and CEO, or Jacqueline Nakashian, Grant Coordinator, with any questions or concerns with the application process.

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Pollinator Health Program Grant

Grant Period: May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2026

Grant Overview: The purpose of this grant is to initiate an industry-wide effort to advance pollinator-friendly practices to restore habitats in key oil olive growing regions across California. Anticipated outcomes include increased on-farm environmental benefits and likely increase producer returns.

As the Grant Beneficiary, it is your responsibility to maintain implemented habitats through the grant program period and the immediate three (3) years following. Documentation related to PHP-funded projects must be maintained three (3) years after the project.

Technical Assistance Provider: Chico State, Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems

Eligibility and Requirements

Eligible Counties: Northern California to Merced County

Number of Available Partners: 5-10 on-farm projects will be selected, dependent on anticipated project cost.

NOTE – In accordance with CDFA requirements, 25% of funds will be allocated to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers. American Olive Oil Producers Association (AOOPA) member applications will receive preference in the selection process.

How to Apply

1. Contact AOOPA to receive additional information, the On-Farm Project Summary Template, Application Requirements, and TAP consult as needed.
2. Complete and submit an **On-Farm Project Summary**. This project should include:
 - a. PHP On-Farm Project Summary
 - b. Photos with Geotagged Information
3. If selected, you will need to complete a CDFA Letter of Commitment

Who to Contact

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