

California Citrus Growers: Healthy Soils Block Grant Program



Enrollment opens on March 25, 2024.

California's citrus industry, a \$2 billion sector, is vital for the state's economy. The Healthy Soils Block Grant Program, funded by a **\$5 million grant**, aims to support California citrus growers in adopting healthy soils management practices. This initiative **enhances climate resiliency** and **competitiveness in both national and global markets**.

Benefits of Participation

Engaging in healthy soils practices can significantly benefit your farm:



Enhance plant health and increase crop yields.



Prevent soil erosion, and improve water quality and retention.



Support carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse emissions.



Foster biodiversity and wildlife habitats.

Program Details

Organizers:

Led by California Citrus Quality Council (CCQC), in collaboration with California Farm Bureau and Xerces Society.

Target Areas:

Serving Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Tulare, San Diego, Placer, and Ventura counties.

Funding per Project:

On-farm project may receive up to \$200,000 based on project size.

Special Focus:

25% of funds are reserved for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFRs), women, and veterans.

Eligibility:

Open to citrus growers in specified 11 counties. Special consideration for SDFRs, women, and veterans.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application operates on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis, but with a special emphasis on prioritizing Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFRs), women, and veterans.



PROGRAM PRACTICES

CONSERVATION COVER

FILTER STRIP

HEDGEROW PLANTING

MULCHING

WHOLE ORCHARD RECYCLING

WINDBREAK/SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT

COMPOST APPLICAITON

COVER CROP

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

RESIDUE AND TILLAGE MANAGEMENT
(NO-TILL OR REDUCED TILL)

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