

Application Process for the Healthy Soils Block Grant Program



1 Familiarize and Select Practices

To get started with this program, we recommend you to determine the project size, field (APN), and practice(s) to implement before you start your application. We have provided resources for conservation management practices for your review on our website.

2 Enrollment Application

The application operates on a **first-come, first-served basis**, but with priority consideration for SDFRs, women, and veterans. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds last. 20-45 projects will be selected for this Block Grant.

3 Review Committee

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with the Review Committee conducting thorough evaluations. They use a 100-point scale to assess applications, considering factors such as submission time, completeness, and a grade score. Applicants are then ranked and pre-selected.

4 Pre-Selection & CDFA Approval

Applicants who are pre-selected will complete a RePlan report and additional CDFA documents with California Bountiful Foundation. The final documents and Replan report will be submitted on behalf of the foundation for CDFA approval. Once approved by CDFA, the foundation will announce awardees (i.e. Grant Beneficiary).

5 On-Boarding and Project Implementation

The Grant Beneficiary will receive documents with specific instructions regarding on-farm project requirements, project implementation plan, project verification, and payment process. Grant Beneficiary will sign contract before implementation begins.

Implementation Timeline:

Fall 2024: Implementation of cover crop.

Summer 2025, 2026, 2027: Implementation of three year practices.

Before 2027 (Anytime): Implementation of hedgerows or one-time practices.

1 Enroll

Applicants must submit their application via the California Bountiful Foundation website.



2 Review

Applications are assessed on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis, considering grade scores and giving priority to veterans, SDFRs, and women.



3 Pre-Selection

Pre-selected applicants will receive individualized assistance to complete a Replan report.



4 Approval

The CDFA will evaluate the submitted RePlan report and additional information administrated by the California Farm Bureau.



5 On-Board

Awarded applicants will be informed on-farm project verification requirements and the plan for implementation by the California Farm Bureau via Zoom or in-person.



6 Implement

Awarded applicants can start on their healthy soils conservation management practice(s).

