

HEALTHY SOILS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM



The Healthy Soils Block Grant Program, funded by a \$5 million grant from California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), aims to support California Citrus growers in adopting healthy soil management practices. The goal is to enhance climate resilience and boost competitiveness in national and global markets.

- The program will allocate \$4.25 million to on-farm projects across 11 counties.
- Additionally, 25% of the funds are reserved for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFRs), women, and veterans.
- Each project can receive up to \$200,000 per project to improve soil health, enhance water retention, and carbon sequestration.



Progress at a Glance

Funded Practices

Conservation cover
Filter Strip
Hedgerow Planting
Mulching
Whole Orchard Recycling
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
Compost application
Cover crop
Nutrient Management
Residue & Tillage management (No-till or reduced till)

Total Funds Allocated

\$3.94 Million

92% of the total funds (\$4.25 million) have been allocated.

Current Metrics

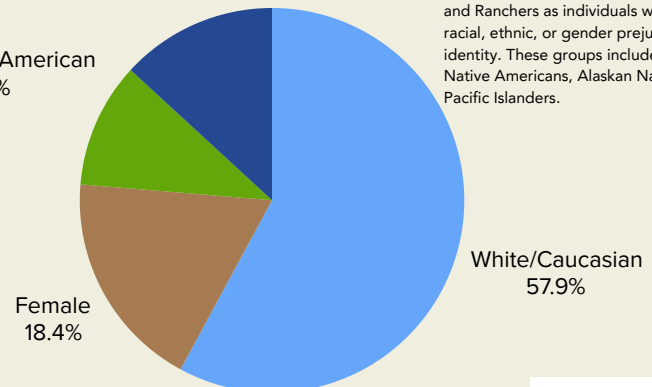
38 Awarded On-Farm Projects

8 Counties involved (Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Riverside, Tulare, San Diego, Placer, and Ventura counties)

16 Socially Disadvantaged Farmer and Ranchers (SDFR*), women, and veterans awarded

Hispanic/Latinx/ Spanish
13.2%

Asian/ Asian American
10.5%



*SDFR defines as Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers as individuals who have experienced racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice based on their identity. These groups include African American, Native Americans, Alaskan Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

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