



Water Efficiency Grants for Farmers & Ranchers

Grant amounts: Up to \$200,000

Due: August 5, 2016

For more information: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/>

The CDFA just opened an \$18 million funding round for on-farm projects that provide water savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program \(SWEET\)](#) provides grants for activities such as:

- **upgrades to more efficient pumps**
- **conversion to drip**
- **installation of solar panels to produce renewable energy**
- **improved water storage and/or recycling**
- **soil moisture monitoring and scheduling**

Up to \$200,000 per agricultural operation is available, and a 50% match is recommended but not required. Applications are due August 5, 2016. View the program's webpage and application materials by clicking [here](#).

We are excited to announce that, for the first time, free [Technical Assistance](#) is being offered to SWEET applicants. We encourage you to attend one of the 23 in-depth technical assistance workshops throughout California. View the list of workshops by clicking [here](#).

CDFA is also offering four grant application workshops in Yolo, Imperial, San Luis Obispo, and Fresno Counties. View the list of info sessions by clicking [here](#).

For a helpful overview of the application resources available on the SWEEP webpage, watch [this short video](#).

CalCAN has advocated for funding, technical support, and continual improvements to SWEEP since the program's inception. The program is funded by proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade auction, and it has already helped hundreds of California growers take positive steps to reduce water use and increase energy efficiency.

— The CalCAN Team

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