FUNDING FOR SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES

New streamlined application process for the 2020 Healthy Soils Incentive Program

$25.2 million available this year for adopting soil health practices

Examples of Eligible Practices & Payment Rates:

- Cover crop (single species) - $89.20/acre
- Compost - $50/ton
- Hedgerow - $10.82/foot
- Prescribed grazing (on pasture) - $22.02/acre
- Whole Orchard Recycling (new!) - $861.42/acre
- Mulching (wood chips) - $2,488.14/acre
- Silvopasture - $235.20/acre

and 20 other eligible practices.

Visit California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA): cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils for full list

For more information and application access, visit CDFA's website: www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils

Rolling application period open until JUNE 26, 2020 or until funding runs out
What's new this year?

- The application has been simplified – fewer essay questions & attachments
- Applications that meet a minimum score will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis
- A previously implemented practice can be implemented on a different field within a previously funded APN

More technical assistance available:

Free technical assistance with project planning, application assistance and project implementation is available from many Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Advisors, Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), and non-profits.

Providers are spread throughout the state and cover many counties.

For a complete list of all Healthy Soils Program technical advisors and contact information, please visit: calclimateag.org/hsp-ta

Quick Facts

Award Amount
The maximum incentive grant amount is now $100,000 per farm or ranch

Applications period open until:
5 PM PT on June 26, 2020 or until funds run out; applications awarded on a rolling basis

Funding Priority*:
A minimum of 25% of Healthy Soils Incentive Program funding will be awarded to:

- Projects by Socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers
- Projects that provide benefits to AB 1550 Priority Populations

*see application for definitions

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