

Farmer & Rancher Climate Leaders

Healthy Soils Program Participants

The Healthy Soils Program, administered by the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), provides grants to farmers and ranchers who adopt management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration in soil and plants.

More info is available on CDFA's website: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/>

CENTER FOR LAND-BASED LEARNING

Davis, Yolo County
Award Amount: \$80,003



“Unless we decide to take care of our soils soon, they will be gone. The Healthy Soils Program provides the opportunity to choose a better future for California agriculture.”

- Sridharan Sethuratnam
Director of California Farm
Academy at CLBL

The Center for Land-Based Learning (CLBL), founded almost 25 years ago, now hosts several beginning farmer training programs and a farm business incubator at three sites in Winters, Davis, and Sacramento. Their Healthy Soils grant is one of only two urban farms in California that received a grant in 2018. The demonstration project site, nestled within a housing development, includes several acres of poor, highly compacted clay soils that they will improve with cover crops and compost. They will use the grant to demonstrate the value of remedying poor soils and producing high-quality, healthy food in the city while giving their farmer trainees skills for building soil. The CLBL team sees this project as a great educational example for many beginning farmers and urban farmers who often have to work with sub-par soils when starting their operations.

The California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a statewide coalition that advances state and federal policy to realize the powerful climate solutions offered by sustainable and organic agriculture.



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