

FUNDING FOR SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES

New streamlined application process for the 2020 Healthy Soils Incentive Program

Photo Credit: USDA NRCS

\$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

Rolling application period open until **JUNE 26, 2020** or until funding runs out

For more information and application access, visit CDFA's website:
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HEALTHY SOILS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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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