

LandSmart Grazing

Gold Ridge + Sonoma RCDs

UCCE Livestock Range Management Advisor

Wild Oat Hollow



What is the program?

Who can receive funding and what do they need to do to get funding?

A program to support:

- Utilize grazing as a way of reducing fuel load and making their communities safer.
- Rebate program.
- List of contract graziers with info on livestock types, services offered and rates, etc.
- Support Graziers through an RFQ and mini-grant.

Priorities: Areas of high fire risk where there is a close proximity to at-risk, densely populated, or underserved communities.

Open application available in English and Spanish

Informational webinar.

What is the source
of the funds?

Why was the
program created?

Phase I, II, III:

Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District's
Vegetation Management Grant Program.

Phase IV:

The Wildfire Resilience Program from the
California State Coastal Conservancy.

**Program was initiated after the 2017
wildfires.**

Gold Ridge RCD

www.goldridgercd.org

The image shows a screenshot of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District website. The background is a scenic landscape of rolling green hills and a blue sky with clouds. The website header includes the logo on the left, navigation links in the center, and a search bar on the right. A dropdown menu is open under 'OUR WORK', listing various programs. A 'Projects' button with a location pin icon is visible in the top right. The main content area features a large blue headline and a 'Learn More +' button.

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LandSmart® Grazing for Community Resilience



This LandSmart® program, in partnership with **Match.Graze** and the County of Sonoma, connects lands with high vegetative fuel loads at risk of wildfire with contract grazers. Gold Ridge RCD and Sonoma RCD are partners in the LandSmart Grazing Program. This project supports interested neighbors or community groups to utilize grazing to reduce their land's fuel load and make their communities safer in the face of wildfires. Grazing has added co-benefits: Grazing comes with additional benefits: low impacts to air quality and noise; ease of access near structures and on steep slopes; natural fertilization; and if timed right, control of noxious weeds. Grazing can also be the most financially accessible and easiest to implement due to lack of permit requirements compared to other fuel treatments such as hand crews, mowing, masticating or prescribed burns. The benefits to community cohesion, coordination and morale are also anticipated to grow.



What is the long term opportunities with the program?

Is there ongoing funding?