

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SOCIALLY-DISADVANTAGED FARMERS & RANCHERS TO IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION PRACTICES



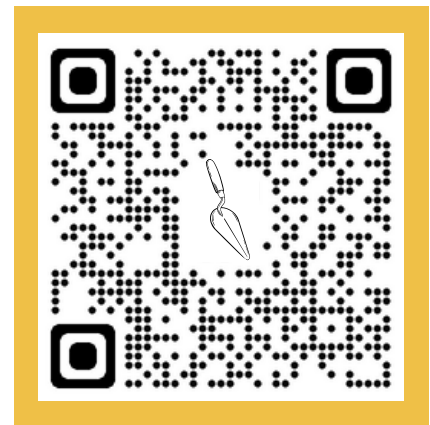
**Gold Ridge and Sonoma RCDs have grant opportunities to support producers both technically and financially in implementing an array of conservation practices**, such as hedgerows, cover cropping, silvopasture, compost application, and more! These grant opportunities include the Sonoma-Marin Ag and County Climate Coalition (SMACCC) Pilot Project and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Healthy Soils Program Block Grant. **Applicants from socially-disadvantaged groups\* and historically-underserved producers\*\* will receive priority funding.**

Recipients will work with an RCD conservation planner for assistance in project development, implementation, and verification.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Projects can begin as early as Fall 2024.

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*\*Socially-disadvantaged groups - a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination. The covered groups include African Americans, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Learn more [here](#).*

*\*\*Historically-underserved producers - producers who are: limited Resource Farmers or Ranchers, beginning Farmers or Ranchers, socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers, Veteran Farmer or Ranchers. Learn more [here](#).*