

Healthy Soils Program (HSP)

A CDFA Grant Opportunity

HSP Overview

- **The Healthy Soils Program** provides financial incentives to California growers and ranchers to implement agricultural management practices that sequester carbon, reduce atmospheric GHGs and improve soil health.
- **Objectives:** To build soil resiliency, increase soil organic carbon and reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases (GHGs).

How is this applicable?

- HSP will fund projects that build soil health
- Coincide with alternatives to fumigant use
- Projects may include application of natural materials, such as rice bran

HSP Agricultural Management Practices

- Cover Crop
- Compost Application
- Mulching
- Nutrient Management (15% reduction in fertilizer application)
- Reduced or No-Till
- Strip Cropping
- Conservation Crop Rotation

Types of Grants Available

- The **Incentives** Program funds the implementation and monitoring of practices for the duration of the grant.
- The **Demonstration** Program funds practices *and* education to showcase practices to at least 120 producers over the course of the project (w and w/o research).

Timeline and Funding

Next solicitation: Fall – early winter 2019

Incentives Projects: Up to \$75,000 max grant award

Demonstration Projects:

- Up to \$100,000 max grant award without research
- Up to \$250,000 max grant award with research

Questions? Want Assistance?

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