

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM (SALC)



Program Overview (Tribes)



About SALC

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) protects agricultural lands and lands utilized for the cultivation of traditional foods, herbal medicine, fibers, and dyes from conversion to more greenhouse gas intensive uses while promoting smart growth, ensuring open space remains available, and supporting healthy agricultural and tribal food systems, and resulting food security.

SALC Round 9 Draft Guidelines now available!

Visit the program website for more information. bit.ly/salcdoc

KEY TERMS

Agricultural land: For the purposes of this program, agricultural land includes both cultivated and non-cultivated lands that support an agricultural use.

Agricultural use: For the purposes of this program, agricultural uses include the cultivation and tillage of the soil; dairying; the production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural commodity including viticulture, apiculture, or horticulture; the raising of livestock, fish, or poultry; and, when conducted or led by tribes or their members, gathering and activities that promote healthy trees, shrubs, and perennial forbs for the cultivation of traditional foods, herbal medicine, fibers (such as basketry material), and dyes.

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Tribal Applicants

Federally recognized California Native American tribe, non-federally recognized California Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the California Native American Heritage Commission, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits directly associated with a Native American tribe and with a majority Native American board are eligible to apply for all three SALC Grant types. Please refer to the SALC guidelines for more details.

SALC Grant Types

Planning Grants

support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land.

Maximum grant amount
\$500,000.

January - Proposals Due.
July - Applications Due.

Acquisition Grants

permanently protect important agricultural land under threat of conversion.

No maximum - grant depends on program fund availability.

January - Proposals Due.
July - Applications Due.

Capacity Grants

expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects.

Maximum grant amount
\$250,000.

July - Applications Due.

No match funding required for tribes.

Technical Assistance Available

For current SALC guidelines, deadlines, and application information, go to:
conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALCP

Funds for this program are made available through the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) in collaboration with the Department of Conservation. SALC is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities.

