**California Department of Conservation 2021 California Farmland Conservancy Program**

**Easement and Land Improvements Preproposal**

 

Contacts

For questions about this solicitation, please contact the Department by email at cfcp@conservation.ca.gov

**At-A-Glance**

**Program**

This solicitation specifies the eligibility and evaluation criteria, application process, grant award and grant administration processes for grants funded under this program for the voluntary acquisition of agricultural conservation easements on agricultural lands that are under pressure of being converted non-agricultural use; and land improvement grants that directly benefits the lands protected by agricultural conservation easements.

**Funding Source**

This program is funded by the Safe Neighborhoods, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Act of 2000 (Proposition 12), California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), and California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

**Critical Dates** (proposed, subject to change)

Draft Solicitation released for comment—January 13,2021

Close public comment period—February 12, 2021

Solicitation released—April 02, 2021

Pre-proposals due—May 14, 2021

Applications due—September 10, 2021

Awards announced—December 2021

Grant agreements returned from awardees—March 2022

**Contact for Questions**

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**Preproposal**

Submittal of a pre-proposal worksheet for prospective grant applications is mandatory to be eligible for CFCP funding. This pre-proposal worksheet must be submitted by **due date May 14, 2021** via email to cfcp@conservation.ca.gov**.**

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| **Project Information** |
| Project Title |  |
| Applicant Name |  |
| Co-applicant (if applicable) |  |
| Location (County and City) |  |
| Agriculture Type | *[i.e., irrigated, rangeland, both]* |
| Severely Disadvantaged Community | **[ ]** Yes **[ ]**  No  |
| Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher | **[ ]** Yes **[ ]**  No |
| CFCP Request Amount | $[XXX] |
| Total Project Acreage |  |
| **Additional Information** |
| Any Critical Deadlines? | Please describe: |
| Other | Please describe: |
| **Narrative** |
| In two pages or less, describe how the proposed project responds to the solicitation**.** |
| **Project Map** |
| Provide legible pdf map of the project boundary as an attachment. |