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Beautify LA Grant	Board of Public Works, City of Los Angeles	Grant program	http://laocb.org/beautify-la-grant/	The KLAB Community Beautification Grant (Beautify LA Grant) is a competitive matching grant (up to \$2500) that will be awarded to community groups in Los Angeles to fund exceptional neighborhood beautification projects. Proposals should be for physical improvements. Types of projects include landscaping projects, neighborhood markers, tree plantings, murals, benches, flower planters, signs, trash receptacles, gardens, marquees, kiosks, and refurbishments.
Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	California Department of Conservation	Grant Program	https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALCP	This program invests in urban areas and works to develop agriculture land use strategy plans that will result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural practices.
Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program	CalRecycle	Grant Program	https://calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/grantsloans/communitycomposting	The purpose of this competitive grant program is to increase the number of community groups operating small-scale composting programs in green spaces within disadvantaged and low-income communities, and to increase the capacity of those composting programs. Green spaces include, but are not limited to, community gardens, urban farms, and other public spaces where small-scale composting is appropriate.
Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program	CalRecycle	Grant Program	https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/grantsloans/foodwaste/fy201920	The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing or establishing new food waste prevention and/or rescue projects in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed in landfills.
Organics Grant Program	CalRecycle	Grant Program	https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/grantsloans/organics	The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California to reduce the amount of California-generated green materials, food materials, and/or Alternative Daily Cover being sent to landfills.
Reuse Grant Program	CalRecycle	Grant Program	https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/grantsloans/reuse	The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is offering the Reuse Grant Program as a pilot program in fiscal year 2019–20. CalRecycle offers grant programs to provide financial assistance to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to Public Resource Code section 42999. The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding and improving waste diversion in California through reuse. Next Cycle To be determined.
Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Technical Assistance Program	CDFA	Grant Program	https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/technical/index.html	This program provides funding for one-on-one technical assistance to be used when applying for incentive funding to agriculture operations. This grant program will provide small scale farms the necessary technical resources and assistance in completing funding applications for various agricultural conservation programs.

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Healthy Soils Program Incentives Program	CDFA	Grant Program	https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysouls/IncentivesProgram.html	The HSP Incentives Program provides financial incentives to California growers and ranchers to implement conservation management practices that sequester carbon, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases (GHGs), and improve soil health. GHGs benefits are estimated using quantification methodology and tools developed by California Air Resources Board (CARB), USDA-NRCS and CDFA and soil health improvement will be assessed by measuring soil organic matter content. For the 2020 HSP Incentives Program, CDFA has selected for award a total of 316 projects requesting \$22,062,449.44
HSP Demonstration Projects	CDFA	Grant Program	https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysouls/DemonstrationProjects.html	The HSP Demonstration Projects aim to improve soil health, sequester carbon and reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases (GHGs) funding on-farm demonstration projects that collect data and/or showcase conservation management practices that mitigate GHG emissions and increase soil health, and creating a platform promoting widespread adoption of conservation management practices throughout the state. Type A projects will demonstrate implementation of conservation management practices, measure field GHGs emissions, and conduct analysis on cost/benefits for adoption of the proposed practice(s) and anticipated barriers. Type B projects will demonstrate implementation of HSP conservation management practices and/or conduct analysis on cost/benefits for adoption of the proposed practice(s) and anticipated barriers.
State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP)	CDFA	Grant Program	https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/swEEP/	This program aims to provide financial assistance to implement irrigation systems that will reduce greenhouse gases and save water. These systems include, but are not limited to: soil moisture monitoring, drip systems, switching to low pressure irrigation systems, pump retrofits, and variable frequency drives.
Pest Management Incentive Grant	Department of Pesticide Regulation	Grant Program	https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/pest-management-alliance-grant/	DPR's Pest Management Alliance Grants Program provides funding for projects that promote the implementation and adoption of effective integrated pest management (IPM) in an agricultural, urban, or wildlands setting.
Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grant Application Resources	EPA	Technical Assistance/Grant Program	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-epa-brownfield-grant-funding	The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Brownfields Amendments authorize EPA to provide funding to organizations to conduct research and to provide training and technical assistance to communities to help address their brownfields challenges. Information presented below lists past and current technical assistance and research projects EPA funds and resources that are available to all communities.

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Targeted Brownfields Assessments	EPA	Technical Assistance/Grant Program	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/targeted-brownfields-assessments-tba	This program helps states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contaminated brownfield sites. The program promotes the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites via Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBAs). TBAs are conducted by an EPA contractor on behalf of an eligible entity. Services include site assessment, cleanup options and cost estimates, and community outreach. Services are for an average of \$100,000. Sites for the program are selected locally on a rolling basis.
Land Revitalization	EPA	Technical Assistance	https://www.epa.gov/land-revitalization	The EPA's Land Revitalization program supports the safe and sustainable reuse of previously contaminated properties. The program helps remove barriers to redevelopment by encouraging sustainable reuse, assisting community reuse efforts, developing and sharing tools, etc.
Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund	Farmer Veteran Coalition	Grant Program	https://farmvetco.org/fvfellowship/	This program provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching by giving money to third party vendors for items that the veteran needs to launch their farming business.
NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative	National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)	Grant Program	https://www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/what-we-do/urban-and-community/	The program is designed to help conservation districts increase their capacity related to urban technical assistance and small-scale conservation. Proposed projects may provide agricultural assistance in developed areas and activities can address a variety of community-based approaches to agricultural conservation. Proposals can address any natural resource concerns in agriculture- soil health, water quality, biodiversity, habitat improvement, etc. Grantees will have one year to complete the project activities. Proposals are submitted on behalf of a conservation district and must include a resolution adopted by the district board.
Patagonia Corporate Grant	Patagonia	Grant Program	https://www.patagonia.com/how-we-fund/corporate-grant/	This program supports small organizations that have direct action agendas that will preserve and protect our environment. Patagonia supports local groups that work to protect habitats and frontline communities.
Orphan Site Cleanup Fund	State Water Resources Control Board	Reimbursement Program	https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/orphan-site-cleanup-fund/	The Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) is a grant program providing financial assistance to eligible applicants for the cleanup of sites contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks where there is no financially responsible party, and the applicant is not an eligible claimant to the UST Cleanup Fund.
North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Grant Program	https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-standard	This program aims to provide financial support to smaller-scale, long term wetlands conservation projects.

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Local Foods, Local Places	US EPA and USDA	Grant Program	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places	<p>Local Foods, Local Places supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness. Eligible projects include developing community gardens in walkable, transit-accessible places.</p> <p>Local Foods, Local Places aims to support projects that do all of the following:</p> <p>Create livable, walkable, economically vibrant main streets and mixed-use neighborhoods.</p> <p>Boost economic opportunities for local farmers and main street businesses.</p> <p>Improve access to healthy, local food, especially among disadvantaged populations.</p>
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	USDA	Financial Assistance	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/	This program provides 10-15 year contracts to remove land from agriculture production and change its use to plant grass or trees. Some contracted land is whole fields or farms, while other contracted land includes partial fields, filter strips, and grass waterways.
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	USDA	Grant Program	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants	This program will help communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe and reliable drinking water. Events that qualify as emergencies include: drought or flood, earthquake, tornado or hurricane, disease outbreak, chemical spill, and other disasters.
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)	USDA	Grant Program	https://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/grassrootsguide/renewable-energy/renewable-energy-energy-efficiency/	This program will provide grants and loan guarantees to farmers and rural businesses for energy efficiency improvements as well as grants for service providers who work with farmers and rural small businesses for energy audits and renewable energy planning and development.
Healthy Food Financing Initiative	USDA	Grant/Technical Assistance	https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/initiatives/healthy-food-financing-initiative	This program provides funding to build food retail and food enterprises that will improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas as well as create and preserve quality jobs that will help revitalize low-income communities.
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)	USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)	Grant Program	https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=	This program will provide funding for educational, training, and technical assistance programs that will assist beginning farmers and ranchers across the U.S. These grants will support a variety of topics including livestock and crop farming practices, land transfer strategies, business, curriculum development, mentoring, agricultural rehabilitation, and farm safety. The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka the 2018 Farm Bill) reauthorized the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) and provides mandatory funds to support education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers.

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Organic Transitions Program	USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)	Grant Program	https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-transitions-org?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=	This program will fund the development and implementation of curriculum that will provide a better understanding of how organic farming works, ways in which it can be implemented more widespread, and how to maintain sustainability for organic farmers.
Sustainable Agriculture Systems (SAS) Program	USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)	Grant Program	https://nifa.usda.gov/program/afri-sas	This program will help to increase agricultural production in sustainable ways in order to feed a growing population in the coming years. This program aims to use a combination of science and technology to create new and sustainable agriculture practices.
Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)	USDA, NRCS	Easement	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/programs/easements/acep/?cid=stelprdb1253508	This program provides financial assistance to partners for purchasing Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) that will protect the agricultural use and conservation of eligible land in order to keep the land in agriculture, which includes grazing lands for ranchers.
Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE)	USDA, NRCS	Easement	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/programs/easements/acep/?cid=stelprdb1253509	This program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Native American tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands through purchase of a WRE. Land that is eligible for easement includes farmed or converted wetlands that have the ability to successfully and cost-effectively be restored.
Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)	USDA, NRCS	Grant Program	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/cig/?cid=nrcs143_008205	This program provides financial support for the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies for natural resource conservation on private lands. This program seeks address water quality, air quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat changes. Voluntary program intended to stimulated the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjuncture with agricultural production. Projects can be watershed-based, regional, or statewide in scope. Local governments, tribal entities, NGOs are eligible to apply. List of recent recipients/example projects on program webpage.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	USDA, NRCS	Land Planning Assistance	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/	This program works with land owners build on existing conservation efforts that will improve grazing conditions, increase crop resiliency, or develop wildlife habitat. The program can also provide technical and financial assistance in order to solve problems or attain higher stewardship levels.
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	USDA, NRCS	Technical Assistance/Grant Program	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=stelprdb1260692	Voluntary program. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits (improved water and air quality, creation of wildlife habitat, reduced erosion, etc.). *Former Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program has been folded in to EQIP. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, but only ranked/funded a few times per year. Applications are ranked and funded based on the national, regional, state, and local resource concerns and funding pools (all of which may change year to year).

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Cooperative Agreements for Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction	USDA, NRCS	Grant program	https://www.usda.gov/topics/urban/coop-agreements#:~:text=Innovative%20Production%20Grants-,Composting%20and%20Food%20Waste%20Reduction%20(CFWR)%20Cooperative%20Agreements,and%20food%20waste%20reduction%20plans.	Up to \$2 million in funding for local governments to host Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CCFWR) pilot projects for fiscal year 2021. The cooperative agreements support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans and they are part of USDA's broader efforts to support urban agriculture.
Restore CA Grant Application	Zero Foodprint	Grant Program	https://www.zerofoodprint.org/apply	Zero Foodprint/Restore California is offering healthy soils grants that remove atmospheric carbon on farms or ranches. Projects must partner with local Resource Conservation District. Project should spur regenerative agriculture practices and increase awareness/demand for produce grown using regenerative techniques.
Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program	USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)	Grant Program	https://nifa.usda.gov/program/food-and-agriculture-service-learning-program?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=	Food and Agriculture Service learning programs are intended to increase knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children, and bring together stakeholders from the distinct parts of the food system to increase capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations or entities, such as school cafeterias and classrooms, while fostering higher levels of community engagement between farms and school systems.