

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Capacity Presentation Summary
FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C02

Applicant

Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

Project County

Yuba County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000.00

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Beale Air Force Base Conservation Planning and Implementation

Project Description

The proposed project is to work with various partners to identify conservation opportunities within the "Priority Areas" around Beale Air Force Base (BAFB). The Priority Areas occupy over 23,000 acres of land in Yuba County, including vernal pool habitat which is protected and managed for special status species. The Land Trust will work with partners to create a conservation priority area and resiliency benefits map, outreach materials aimed at identifying and connecting potential landowners interested in conservation easements, and develop projects for future acquisitions.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C04

Applicant

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Project County

Tulare County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

SRT Agricultural and Working Lands Conservation Program

Project Description

The proposed project will provide funding to develop a regional agricultural and working lands conservation strategy; publish outreach and educational materials; directly engage with landowners, priority population stakeholders, and tribal groups; and cover associated costs. Outreach efforts will be conducted through events, workshops, and one-on-one conversations with targeted groups of landowners, stakeholders, and tribal groups. Educational materials focused on conservation strategies and goals will be developed and distributed. Funding will also be used for a new position devoted to landowner, stakeholder, and tribal outreach as well as related project development tasks. The project goal is the development of 6-8 projects during the grant term.

This project will build on a previous capacity grant funded by the Department of Conservation, which was focused on landowner outreach. Funds will support continued outreach on properties that have greatest conservation value and will directly support SALC program goals of carbon neutrality, infill development, coordinated land use planning, and sustainable land management.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C05

Applicant

yat Spasini yak Tspu
Conservancy

Project County

San Luis Obispo County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$85,260

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the applicant

Project Title

yat Spasini yak Tspu Conservancy

Project Description

The project would build the Tribe's capacity to develop organizational documents, tools, policies and procedures for land acquisitions within and beyond grant term. The work plan includes the following tasks: 1) revisions to the tribe's nonprofit bylaws statement of purpose to include conservation of agriculture, rangeland, farmland, and tribal cultural resources; 2) formalize partnership agreements; 3) develop agricultural conservation easement agreement templates; 3) develop agriculture-related business plan; 4) negotiate land purchase agreement on SALC-eligible project; and 4) compile required support materials for a future Tier 2 land acquisition grant application.

Applicant is a tribal-led entity. The proposed project would provide access to ancestral lands, engage tribal members, and provide tribal economic opportunities. Projects would incorporate traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) practices.

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SALC22_C06

Applicant

Anderson Valley Land Trust

Project County

Mendocino County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Anderson Valley Land Trust Capacity

Project Description

Grant funding will be used to fund a Conservation Director position and expand the Office Manager's time and duties. AVLT will host workshops with landowners and with representatives of the Pomo tribe. Grant funding will be used to fund project development of an active fee acquisition project. Lastly, AVLT will pursue LTA accreditation.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C07

Applicant

Oswit Land Trust

Project County

Riverside County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Oswit Land Trust Capacity Grant

Project Description

Oswit Land Trust's objective is to partner with the SALC program and other funding sources, along with farm owners in Southern California, to maximize the conservation of agricultural land and to support sustainable land management. The land trust is establishing a coordinated outreach effort to develop acquisition projects with farm owners within Priority Populations, Tribal communities, low income communities, veterans, and socially disadvantaged groups. The capacity grant will facilitate a strategic plan, outreach, and acquisition project development activities.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C08

Applicant

Northern Chumash Tribal
Council

Project County

Santa Barbara County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A Tribal non-profit is the
applicant

Project Title

Tribal Land Trust

Project Description

A project to fund the development of a Tribal Land Trust and Program Management Plan with the intent of developing tribal led conservation acquisition projects within the region. The Tribal Land Trust and associated governing documents will be able to be passed on to generations of California Tribal members who wish to work on Land Back and management. This work will advance near-term and long-term multi-beneficial outcomes for uplifting and enhancing the Northern Chumash Tribal Council's work in incorporating TEK into conservation and aims to protect and preserve the open spaces of each property's location and to propagate endemic species of the area to build and restore resiliency of the area's habitats, ecosystems, and sensitive biological areas. The proposal also includes pursuit of land trust accreditation for the newly established Tribal Land Trust.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C09

Applicant

Starlight Universal Church

Project County

Butte County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Sacred Circles Earth Stewardship Trust

Project Description

Grant funding would be used to develop organizational policies and procedures relating to property acquisition and stewardship. Applicant will purchase needed fiscal, project management, and time tracking software.

Community outreach events will be developed and implemented to elicit community input and support of proposed projects. Project development will include reaching and visiting potential projects, funding grant application writing, title review, and appraisal fees.

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SALC22_C10

Applicant

Northern California
Regional Land Trust

Project County

Butte, Glenn, and Tehama
Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Engaging Neighbors in Agricultural Conservation Triage:
Easement Planning, Prioritization, and Implementation in
three North-State counties

Project Description

Applicant is seeking to hire additional staff to engage in completing project development for both SALC-funded and non-SALC funded acquisitions. Project development would start with using newly acquired software to identify and create maps of "high priority properties". Applicant will contact the owners of these properties, followed by site visits, title work, and grant writing. Lastly, applicant will pursue LTA re-accreditation.

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SALC22_C11

Applicant

El Rio Reyes Conservation
Trust

Project County

Fresno, Kings, and Tulare
Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Development

Project Description

El Rio Reyes Trust will build organizational and financial capacity by expanding direct landowner outreach, enhancing their grant management tracking systems, and prepare for the Land Trust Accreditation process. Through the outreach events, they will work with landowners to develop projects for future rounds via SALC and other funding sources.

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SALC22_C12

Applicant

Bear Yuba Land Trust

Project County

Nevada and Yuba Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the co-applicant

Project Title

Central Sierra Agricultural and Cultural Protection Project

Project Description

The proposed project will provide funding for Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) to develop agricultural and cultural conservation easement projects in Nevada and Yuba counties. Funding will also be used to conduct outreach and education activities for landowners interested in pursuing a conservation easement. The co-applicant for this project is the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenen (NCRN). BYLT will partner with NCRN to develop prospective projects and build capacity for NCRN to hold land rights such as agricultural and cultural conservation easements.

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SALC22_C13

Applicant

Blue Lake Rancheria

Project County

Humboldt County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the applicant

Project Title

Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) Tribal Sustainable Agricultural Lands Acquisition Program

Project Description

The proposed project will provide funding for BLR to hire and train a land acquisition specialist, building organizational capacity to pursue future land acquisition projects. Project funds will also be used to identify and prioritize agricultural lands for acquisition and develop projects for submission in future funding rounds.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C14

Applicant

World Be Well Organization

Project County

Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000.00

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Inland Valley Grown

Project Description

Applicant proposes to build organizational and financial capacity to develop acquisition projects and facilitate partnerships with landowners, developers, and other stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement is a priority and will include meetings with elected officials, local governments and agencies, nonprofits, landowners, and developers. Tools and resources will be acquired and used to identify, evaluation, and prioritize potential acquisition projects for project development. Acquisitions will involve partnerships with eligible land trusts that could hold conservation easements.

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SALC22_C15

Applicant

Resource Conservation
District of Monterey County

Project County

Monterey County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$94,868

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Monterey County Small Farmer Land Access and
Conservation Assistance Project

Project Description

Monterey RCD's objective with this Tier 1 grant is to work on expanding their capacity to acquire and protect farmland to provide long-term conservation practice demonstration and help support small, socially-disadvantaged farmers challenged with land access. They are planning on using this grant to work on eligibility documents, then applying to Tier 2 funding to continue capacity building, planning and then acquisitions. They have a lot of support to assist socially-disadvantaged farmers from their partners: Kitchen Table Advisors, California FarmLink, and the Agricultural Land-Based Training Association. They will also be working on conducting outreach to local Tribal groups and other potential partners to understand their needs and guide this work.

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SALC22_C16

Applicant

Ag Land Trust

Project County

Monterey County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Capacity Building, Project Development, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiative Project

Project Description

A project proposed to fund the increasing of Ag Land Trust's organizational capacity, to assist with agricultural conservation project development, and to develop a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiative. In addition to development of SALC eligible acquisition projects, project goals include the implementation of an updated software system for organizational needs such as time-tracking and accounting, the hiring of 1 to 2 support staff, Strategic Plan policy completion, land trust accreditation, and diversity and equity related training and outreach. The intention for this funding is to increase Ag Land Trust's ability to develop, pursue, and manage equitable agricultural easements into the future.

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SALC22_C17

Applicant

Lassen Land and Trails Trust

Project County

Lassen and Modoc
Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Lassen and Modoc Conservation Planning

Project Description

The proposed project will provide funding for the creation of a Strategic Conservation Plan and for development of SALC eligible conservation acquisition projects. This funding will primarily be used toward hiring an additional staff person to assist with development of conservation acquisition projects for Lassen Land & Trails Trust as currently the organization is staffed with one full time and one half time employee. Collaborators and partners expected to participate in the strategic conservation planning process include CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife, Point Blue Conservation Science, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Pit River RCD, Honey Lake Valley RCD, Pit River Tribe, UC Cooperative Extension, NRCS, Lassen & Modoc Counties, Ducks Unlimited, California Deer Association, BLM-Eagle Lake & Applegate Field Offices, and Modoc and Lassen National Forests.

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SALC22_C19

Applicant

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Project County

Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, Sutter, Yuba, Colusa, Butte, and Glenn Counties; and Shasta, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000.00

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Increasing Agricultural Conservation Capacity in the Sacramento Valley and Intermountain West

Project Description

Project activities will include increasing organizational and financial capacity for developing existing agricultural conservation easement projects, conducting landowner outreach and identifying new easement opportunities in the Sacramento Valley and Intermountain West portions of California; coordinating with partners to develop a programmatic approach and support for increasing pace and scale of agricultural land protection in these areas; and completing annual reports documenting progress on the individual project activities associated with this grant funding.

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SALC22_C20

Applicant

Possibility Labs; co-applicant Ujamaa Farmer Collective

Project County

Sacramento and Yolo Counties

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Building Sustainable Agriculture, Conservation Projects, and Capacity Development for California's Black Farmers through the Ujamaa Farmer Collective

Project Description

The proposed project will build organizational capacity to acquire agricultural lands for equitable access and land tenure for underserved farmers of color. Additionally, it will provide food security; production of healthy, culturally-relevant foods; as well as education and training opportunities for priority populations and low-income communities. The project will build on a recently awarded \$1.25M grant that will fund the acquisition of agricultural land in Yolo and/or Sacramento County. Tasks include securing 501c3 status; development of organizational documents and procedures for eligibility for the SALC Tier 2 application; and acquisition of SALC-eligible agricultural land.

Ujamaa Farmer Collective was initiated by farmer equity advocates within the CDFA BIPOC Advisory Committee. The project is located in a priority population and the outreach, training, and project development efforts would meaningfully engage, and provide benefits to BIPOC farmers and disadvantaged community members.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Recommended
SALC22_C21

Applicant

Native American Land Conservancy

Project County

Riverside County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$249,760

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A Tribal non-profit is the applicant

Project Title

Native American Land Conservancy Acquisitions Capacity Enhancement

Project Description

The Native American Land Conservancy is a tribal run non-profit with staff from several tribes. Their mission to acquire, preserve and protect Native American sacred lands through protective land management, educational programs, and scientific study. With this grant, they will be able to expand their reach, by building up their capacity to acquire agricultural easement and fee acquisition projects. This grant will help them update their policies and increase their capacity to current staff.

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SALC22_C22

Applicant

Garden 31

Project County

San Diego County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$99,950

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Building Garden 31's Capacity to Cultivate Pathways for Agricultural Opportunities in San Diego

Project Description

The proposed project will provide funding to Garden 31 to identify and develop land acquisition projects in San Diego County. Agricultural land acquired by Garden 31 will be used to establish an agricultural training center for opportunity youth, formerly incarcerated individuals, and other economically disadvantaged groups. Grant funds will also be used to establish partnerships with other agricultural and conservation organizations, local tribes, and other stakeholders and develop long-term goals and objectives that align with identified conservation priorities.

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FY 2022-23 Funding Not Recommended
SALC22_C01

Applicant

World Heritage Animal
Genomic Resources

Project County

Statewide, Mendocino
County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Alder Creek Ranch

Project Description

The proposed project would provide funding to develop an agricultural conservation project in Mendocino County, conduct outreach activities with landowners to raise awareness about the project and its benefits, engage stakeholders in project-related activities, and identify and develop other agricultural conservation easement projects throughout the State.

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FY 2021-22 Funding Not Recommended
SALC22_C03

Applicant

California Rangeland Trust

Project County

Statewide; Sacramento
County

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

California Rangeland Trust Capacity Build

Project Description

California Rangeland Trust has proposed to recruit, hire, and train a full time Land Transaction Specialist to help clear their queue of easement projects from interested landowners. The Land Transaction Specialist will review applications, build landowner relationships, follow through on established projects, identify funding opportunities, and submit grant applications. Once funding is realized, the Land Transaction Specialist will assist in negotiating easement terms, ensure appropriate due diligence is completed, and work through closing.