

2023 Climate Smart Land Management Program Awards

Applicant Name	County/Counties	Awarded Amount	Project Description
Amador RCD	Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne	\$1,618,563.89	This grant will fund capacity building work conducted by the Amador Alpine Calaveras Tuolumne Working Lands Collaborative. The collaborative includes Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne RCDs, as well as Alpine Watershed Group and the Carbon Cycle Institute. This funding will allow the collaborative to provide technical assistance in all four counties to farm, ranch and forest landowners interested in implementing nature-based solutions.
Ca Council of Land Trusts	Statewide	\$1,732,343.20	CCLT will use this funding to build the capacity of CCLT and land trusts throughout California. The grant will award subgrants to ca land trusts to build their capacity for climate smart and 30x30 project implementation. Subgrants will feature new and expanded partnerships with tribes and others. CCLT will also fund technical assistance to individual land trusts and provide tailored group learning opportunities.
Ca Open Lands	Statewide	\$500,000.00	California Open Lands, a tribal non profit, will use this funding to increase the capacity of partnering California Tribes and California Native cultural practitioners to engage in the planning, development and implementation of restoration and demonstration projects that meet cross-cutting priorities of ecological, cultural, and economic resilience in the face of California's many climate change-related impacts and future challenges.
Eastern Sierra Land Trust	Inyo, Mono	\$1,184,452.42	Eastern Sierra Land trust will use their funding to build Tribal capacity to provide valuable contributions to strategic planning and regional land management over the next 3.5 years. The funding will allow them to build tribal partnerships, scale up current land conservation work, work to achieve greater tribal participation in 30x30 and Climate Smart efforts, help get federal recognition for a tribe, and become a hub for tribes and communities in the region.
San Diego County	San Diego	\$1,732,298.16	San Diego County and their partners will use this funding to build capacity within the community to initiate new programs and improve upon existing programs that are aligned with the state Climate Smart strategies. Additionally, the funds will support the implementation of demonstration projects that will further build the case for County and RCD programs and verify methodological tools for their use across the region. Finally, the funding will help support agricultural producers in San Diego by developing an agricultural ombudsmen program.
UCANR	Statewide	\$1,732,343.20	University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) will use this funding to build capacity and technical assistance for Climate Smart implementation by collaboratively developing plans centered on two of the most pressing climate action issues: 1) equitable land access and 2) land management diversification. This proposal aims to identify barriers and opportunities to accessing natural and working lands by developing a plan aimed at increasing land manager diversity and by engaging a suite of historically underrepresented communities in coalition building, capacity assessment, and climate action planning.