

Funding for Carbon Farming in Marin

Agency/Organization	Program	Practices Covered	Funding	Next Deadline	Future Deadlines	Notes	For More Information
Marin Resource Conservation District (Marin RCD)	Various programs, depending on local, state, and federal funding	Depending on grant, may cover water quality, carbon farming designs/implementation; can also help with permitting including CEQA.	Depending on grant and project, funding may cover full project cost (riparian projects) or require a 25% landowner cost-share (which may be covered by in-kind match, NRCS, MALT, or other matching grant).	Currently, no open funding opportunities.	Currently, no open funding opportunities.		Michelle Katuna, Marin RCD Agroecologist (415) 663-1170 x 304 michelle@marinrcd.org Nancy Scolari, Marin RCD Executive Director (415) 663-1170 x 301 nancy@marinrcd.org
Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)	Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Covers most to all of practices in carbon farm plan (INCLUDING supporting practices): fence, seeding, water development, compost application, riparian forest buffer, and much more.	Fixed rate reimbursement depending on conservation practice. Higher rates for Historically Disadvantaged farmer/rancher as defined by USDA. Expect out of pocket expenses of 10% installation cost or more.	To have application considered in the next ranking period in June, contact NRCS asap, especially if project is time sensitive. Plan for April 15 th at the latest. Depending on planning necessary for the project, no guarantee project will be ready for consideration in the June round of ranking.	Applications accepted year-round. Next ranking period hasn't yet been announced. Usually several ranking periods per year.		Drew Loganbill District Conservationist USDA/NRCS Petaluma Office: (707) 794-1242 x107
	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Multiple enhancement activities and conservation practices available to address and enhance upon resource concerns such as soil health, pollinators, changing weather patterns, western forest health, efficient irrigation, rangeland health and much more.	Fixed payment rates for conservation enhancement activities and/or practices that best fit your operation. CSP payments occur annually for applying these activities on your land and base payments operating and maintaining your current conservation efforts.	California farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners now have until April 7 to get all materials in for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and be considered for 2021 funding. Likely too late to get in this funding round if you haven't started.	Applications accepted year-round.		
Zero Footprint (ZFP)	Restore CA	Implementation funding for carbon farming practices.	Grant for up to \$25,000. Applicants are required to partner with a Technical Assistance Provider.	Thursday, April 22, 2021	New program. Usually several rounds per year.	Applications ranked based on the "cost per ton of carbon sequestered" which is calculated as the requested grant amount divided by the total metric tons of modeled CO ₂ e (comet-planner.com). You can pair practices so the entire application ranks higher (e.g. compost and riparian planting).	Application and info: www.zerofootprint.org/apply For application assistance: (813) 575-3949
California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)	Healthy Soils Program (HSP) - Incentive	Covers many carbon farm practices (NOT including supporting practices like fence and water development) including riparian forest buffer, range seeding, compost application, prescribed grazing, etc.	Fixed rate incentive reimbursement, depending on practice; typically does not cover full amount.	HSP 2021 Round 1: Likely to open June 2021. *Funding is not guaranteed and is dependent on finalization of State Budget	HSP 2021 Round 2: Likely to open Dec 2021. *Funding is not guaranteed and is dependent on finalization of State Budget	Awards will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis so best to have projects thought out before applications open, and to submit quickly.	CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive Website (check for updates as we approach summer 2021): www.cdffa.ca.gov/oeffi/healthsoils/IncentivesProgram.html Round 1 Application Assistance (*pending CDFA-approval): Randi Black, UC Cooperative Extension, 707-565-2648, rblack@ucanr.edu Round 2 Application Assistance (*pending CDFA-approval): Michelle Katuna, Marin RCD, (415) 663-1170 x 304, michelle@marinrcd.org
Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)	Stewardship Assistance Program (SAP)	Projects can range from cross fence installation, riparian restoration, water infrastructure development, stream bank stabilization, compost application and more.	SAP funds up to 85% of the landowner's cost share, with a cap of \$15,000 for smaller projects and \$50,000 for larger projects with multiple funding agencies.	Applications accepted year-round.	Applications accepted year-round.	*Must have a MALT agricultural conservation easement to apply to/access this funding.	Eric Rubenstahl Stewardship Program Manager (415) 663-1158, ext. 319 erubenstahl@malt.org
Fibershed	Carbon Farm Seed Fund	Funds shovel ready projects on working lands including silvopasture, riparian restoration, compost application, hedgerows/windbreaks, etc.	\$2,000-\$6,000 awards in 2020; may change in future rounds. Funds may be used for materials, equipment rentals, supporting practices, and/or labor costs. One year to use funds.	Fibershed sends out an annual announcement usually in August; 2021 round has not been announced.	Not yet announced.	*Must be a Fibershed producer to apply to/access this funding.	Marisol@fibershed.com
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Funds conservation projects on private lands. Priorities: migratory birds, anadromous fish (salmon), and/or threatened and endangered species. Riparian restoration, habitat restoration, wetland restoration, native grassland restoration. Program also pairs you with a FWS biologist who may provide assistance in project management.	Cost-share program; 1:1 match preferred but not always required. Funding generally capped at \$100,000.	Applications accepted year-round. Funding for year usually decided in Spring/Summer of that year. Urgent projects may have faster timelines.	Applications accepted year-round.	If you have a project in mind, contact Damion Ciotti who can consult on funding priorities, visit site, and lead application process.	Program Website: https://www.fws.gov/cno/conservation/Partners.html Damion Ciotti Cell: 916-335-7990 Office: 530-889-2327 damion_ciotti@fws.gov
	Coastal Program	Can work on federal lands with this grant program; might be good for ranchers in PRNS.		Applications accepted year-round. Funding for year usually decided in Spring/Summer of that year. Urgent projects may have faster timelines.	Applications accepted year-round.	If you have a project in mind, contact Damion Ciotti who can consult on funding priorities, visit site, and lead application process.	
	National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program	Larger scale projects.	Funding generally capped at \$1 million.	Applications accepted year-round. Funding for year usually decided in Spring/Summer of that year. Urgent projects may have faster timelines.	Applications accepted year-round.	Formal application process.	https://www.fws.gov/wsfrprograms/Subpages/GrantPrograms/CW/CW.htm