

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
Capacity Presentation Summary
Round 10 Funding Recommended
SALC23_C02

Applicant

Eastern Sierra Land Trust

Project Counties

Inyo, Mono, Alpine

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

**Funding Amount
Recommended**

\$157,500

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

From Capacity to Conservation: A Pathway to Working
Lands Protection

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to strengthen its organizational capacity and support project development through the completion of Strategic Conservation Plan, stakeholder and partner outreach and engagement, and due diligence on prospective acquisitions.

Staff will work with the applicant to revise the work plan and budget to address any concerns identified during the review process.

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SALC23_C03

Applicant

San Diego Food Systems
Alliance

Project County

San Diego County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

**Funding Amount
Recommended**

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Capacity Building for an Agricultural Land Trust in San
Diego County

Project Description

The San Diego Food Systems Alliance requests capacity funds to establish a community land trust to facilitate land access via conservation easement and acquisition. San Diego County includes multiple high risk agricultural properties, and the plan to develop and community land trust is the result of other planning documents identifying the conservation of land as highly necessary and valuable.

The proposal includes use of a Co-Design Committee for the Community Land Trust, which will be majority-composed of farmers, farmworkers, and tribal partners from low-income households and communities. This committee will serve as an advisory body to the SALC-funded activities—reviewing draft policies and forwarding recommendations to the Alliance's Board for approval to ensure that the outcomes and benefits of the CLT directly serve those most impacted by land access barriers.

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SALC23_C04

Applicant

Central Coast Indigenous
Tribes

Project County

Monterey

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

**Funding Amount
Recommended**

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A Tribal-serving non-profit is
the applicant

Project Title

Land Acquisition for Conservation

Project Description

The goal of the project is to develop an accredited tribal-serving land trust to properly hold title and maintain easements. Project activities to achieve this goal include (1) bringing in consultants to assist with the capacity grant activities, (2) developing and adopting Land Trust Alliance equivalent policies, (3) creating a strategic plan for future acquisition projects, (4) outreach to their community, and (5) developing internal policies for agricultural tenants. These activities will build capacity to develop and manage future acquisition projects. Staff will work with the applicant to revise their work plan and budget to address concerns about the proposed extent of their outreach activities.

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SALC23_C05

Applicant

San Joaquin Services
Collective

Project County

San Joaquin

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Community of Livable Education

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to help build organizational and financial capacity to establish an agricultural land conservation initiative in San Joaquin County and neighboring counties of Amador, Calaveras, and Placer. Community engagement is a priority of the project and will include the formation of an advisory council, which will be made up of local residents, farmers, youth leaders, and program participants. Funding will also be used to develop conservation-related policies and procedures for Land Trust Alliance accreditation and identify potential acquisition projects. Agricultural land acquired by the applicant will be used as a tool for training, hands on education, local food production, and green workforce development, with a focus on engaging underserved and small-scale farmers.

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SALC23_C06

Applicant

Shasta Land Trust

Project County

Shasta

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Shasta Land Trust Project Development & Capacity for
Agricultural Conservation

Project Description

The goal of the project is to continue building the organization's capacity and to collaborate with local tribes. Project activities to achieve this goal include (1) developing conservation easement acquisition projects and (2) building relationships with local stakeholders and tribes. Increasing tribal collaboration will come from regular meetings, partnering on future acquisition projects, and establishing a legal framework for working together. These activities will build capacity to develop and manage future acquisition projects.

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SALC23_C08

Applicant

Sheba Farms Foundation

Project County

Sacramento

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Sheba Farms Capacity-Building Initiative for Equitable Farmland Access and Organizational Development

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to help build organizational and financial capacity to establish an agricultural land conservation strategy in the Sacramento region. A priority of the project is developing conservation-related policies and procedures and establishing internal systems to develop and pursue future conservation acquisition projects. Agricultural land acquired by the applicant will be used to help socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers access agricultural land to grow culturally relevant crops through facilitating low-cost and long-term lease opportunities.

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SALC23_C09

Applicant

Kings River Conservancy

Project County

Fresno

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$94,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$94,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Kings River Conservancy Capacity Building

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to help build organizational and financial capacity to support the applicant's transition from a working Board to an advisory Board and expand staff-led conservation efforts. Funds will primarily be used to adopt processes, policies, and documentation consistent with Land Trust Alliance accreditation requirements, and for eligibility for a SALC Tier 2 capacity grant. Funding will also be used to identify potential acquisition projects, support project development, facilitate community outreach, and support partnerships with local tribes.

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SALC23_C11

Applicant

Sierra Resource
Conservation District

Project County

Fresno

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$99,990

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$99,990

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Fresno County Land Access and Conservation Program

Project Description

The goal of the project is to acquire and conserve agricultural land to create demonstration sites for conservation practices and water-wise land stewardship while increasing land access for historically underserved farmers and tribal communities. Project activities to achieve this goal include (1) exploring partnerships with land-seekers who intend to implement soil and water conservation practices (such as farmers, farmer groups, tribes, non-profits), (2) building internal capacity to apply for SALC acquisition funding and secure protected agriculture land, and (3) transferring the protected land to land seekers. These activities will lead to the creation of a buy-protect-sell land access program for Fresno County.

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SALC23_C13

Applicant

40-Acre Conservation
League

Project County

Statewide

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Equity in Agriculture Capacity Project

Project Description

The goal of the project is to build the organization's capacity by strengthening its internal operations, developing legal frameworks, and advancing agricultural conservation easement or fee-title acquisition projects. Project activities to achieve this goal include (1) policy development, (2) conducting an internal audit, (3) developing a tenant lease program to assist disadvantaged farmers seeking land tenure, and (4) project development for acquisition projects. The regions that this project will focus on include the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, along the Sacramento River in Sacramento County, and the Monterey Bay. These activities will build capacity to develop and manage future acquisition projects while also assisting disadvantaged farmers seeking land tenure. Staff will work with the applicant to revise their work plan and budget to specify that the work completed shall align with SALC's goal of agricultural land conservation.

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SALC23_C15

Applicant

Cher-Ae Heights Indian
Community of the Trinidad
Rancheria

Project County

Humboldt

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the applicant

Project Title

Trinidad Rancheria Land Conservation Capacity and
Project Development

Project Description

Applicant, a Federally recognized tribe, seeks funding to build organizational capacity to develop land conservation acquisition projects that support agricultural and cultural purposes. This will include due diligence on prospective acquisitions, and development of a Land Conservation Vision Report and Action Plan.

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SALC23_C16

Applicant

Wukchumni Tribe

Project County

Tulare

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

A Tribal non-profit is the applicant

Project Title

Wukchumni Tribe Conservation Capacity Building

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to build organizational capacity to identify prospective conservation acquisitions, and training to acquire lands that serve ancestral homelands. This work will integrate tribal land management practices, emphasize regenerative agriculture and environmental resilience, revitalize the landscape, and create a healthier ecosystem for all.

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SALC23_C18

Applicant

Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

Project County

San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and parts of Napa, Solano, Santa Cruz, and San Joaquin counties

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

**Funding Amount
Recommended**

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the applicant/co-applicant

Project Title

Capacity Building of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's Conservation Office

Project Description

A request by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to enable the Tribe to scale land conservation efforts by supporting training programs for tribal members in ecological restoration, land management, and traditional cultivation practices. Funding would greater establish the Land Conservation Office, enable the creation of paid positions for the next generation of tribal leaders, increase office capacity and staff development, and develop land conservation projects. To ensure enduring conservation and stewardship efforts can be maintained, the proposal would also establish frameworks for endowment and stewardship funding.

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SALC23_C20

Applicant

Tamien Nation

Project County

Santa Clara

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

A CA tribe is the
applicant/co-applicant

Project Title

Tamien Nation Land Conservancy Capacity & Project
Development

Project Description

The proposal is to develop a replicable model for Tribal-land trust collaboration in partnership with a conservation organization. The model will embed Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), Tribal values, and citizen engagement into the conservancy's framework – ensuring that all stewardship efforts reflect Indigenous relationships to land and long-standing cultural practices. The proposal is to also develop organization policies such as easement monitoring and enforcement policies.

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SALC23_C21

Applicant

Central California
Environmental Justice
Network

Project County

Fresno County

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Funding Amount

Recommended

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Preempting Farm Mechanization Through Mighty Climate
Resilient Networks

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to strengthen its organizational capacity and support project development by engaging in planning and research to inform policy development and the preparation of a regional strategic plan. The applicant seeks to purchase land that can provide long term leases to growers located in disadvantaged communities.

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Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_C10

Applicant

Confederation of Ohlone People

Project County

San Mateo

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

A Tribal-serving non-profit is the applicant/co-applicant

Project Title

The Zucigim Project, Reviving an Ohlone Village

Project Description

The project would utilize grant funds to increase organization's fiscal capacity, create a Strategic Plan for land conservation, and create training opportunities for tribal members. The Confederation of Ohlone People (CoOP) is operating Zucigim farm on a Peninsula Open Space owned agricultural property in San Gregorio, CA where they are leasing land with intent to purchase.

The Strategic Plan would focus on a 3-year plan that includes the acquisition of Zucigim, stabilization of pillar initiatives such as agroecology workshops, and land-based Indigenous peacemaking services and culturally rooted workshops at the Zucigim property.

The acquisition and development of the Zucigim property is not eligible for SALC funding because it is already conserved land.

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SALC23_C12

Applicant

Resource Conservation
District of Greater San
Diego County (RCDGSDC)

Project Counties

San Diego, Riverside

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Scaling up Stewardship: Strengthening the RCD of Greater
San Diego County's Role in the Long-Term Conservation of
Agricultural Lands

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to strengthen organizational
capacity on the technical aspects of conservation
acquisitions in order to support the development of
projects that protect agricultural lands and reduce
greenhouse gas emissions. RCDGSDC proposes to develop
internal policies and procedures to guide this work, provide
technical assistance to farmers, local municipalities, and
potential conservation interest holders, to advance these
conservation efforts.

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Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_C17

Applicant

Siskiyou Land Trust

Project County

Siskiyou

Funding Tier

Tier 2

Funding Requested

\$250,000

Priority Populations Benefits

No

Other Investment Targets

None

Project Title

Siskiyou Agricultural Conservation Planning and Development

Project Description

Applicant seeks funding to strengthen organizational and financial capacity in agricultural conservation planning and project development support. Project tasks primarily included the continued integration of Land Trust Alliance standards and practices, and development of a formal conservation plan. The funding is proposed to help establish and deepen relationships with tribes through engagement and agricultural cultural project development. The proposal lacked an emphasis on developing agricultural acquisition projects and outreach efforts.

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Round 10 Funding Not Recommended
SALC23_C19

Applicant

Alianza Nacional de
Campesinas

Project County

Riverside

Funding Tier

Tier 1

Funding Requested

\$100,000

Priority Populations Benefits

Yes

Other Investment Targets

Provides secure land tenure
to a farmer/rancher who is
a resident of a priority
population

Project Title

Scaling the Mother Earth Project: Farmworker Women,
Conservation Easement Training, and Communal Nurseries
in the Eastern Coachella Valley

Project Description

The goal of the project is to build the organization's
capacity by training farmworker women members to
access and manage agricultural conservation easements,
tax incentives, and state funding to transform successful
community garden (huerto) initiatives into individual and
cooperative farming operations with permanent legal
protection. Most of the project tasks and the intent of the
proposal are not aligned with SALC capacity funding goals.