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Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for funding opportunities and events that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see the announcements below for funding opportunities with fast approaching deadlines.

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

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Funding Opportunities

2021 County Evacuation Route Grant Opportunity (11/5)

The California Fire Safe Council's [County Evacuation Route Grant](#) will fund \$1.9 million dollars in total to county subgrantees completing wildfire evacuation route projects. Eligible projects include evacuation route planning, implementation, public education, construction, signage, maintenance, and related activities. Counties may also choose to direct funds to any non-profit or other public agency who will complete the evacuation project work. Applications open October 18, 2021 and will close **November 5, 2021 at 11:59pm PST**. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the informational grant webinar held on October 7, 2021.

Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (11/11)

CalRecycle announced the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program. The program is designed to provide opportunities for the cleanup of illegal disposal sites on farm and ranch property. **The Fiscal Year 2021-22 application period deadlines are August 12, 2021 (cycle 73), November 11, 2021 (cycle 74), and February 10, 2022 (cycle 75).** \$1,000,000 in funding available for FY 2021-22 with \$200,000 per grant award (maximum of \$50,000 per site or cleanup project). [Click here for the program page.](#)

The Max and Victoria Dreyfuss Foundation Grants (11/11)

[The Max and Victoria Dreyfuss Foundation Grants](#) provides support for museums, cultural and performing arts organizations, and environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and programs. Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Application deadline is **November 11, 2021**. ****Note:** Applicants must be Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt**

Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant program (11/22)

[USDA Press Release](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) for the new Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant program and encourages eligible entities to apply now for funds. Applications must be submitted electronically through the [grant portal](#) by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 22, 2021**. The PRS Grant program will assist small businesses in certain commodity areas, including specialty crop producers, shellfish farming, finfish farming, aquaculture, and apiculture; specialty crop, meat, and other processors; distributors; and farmers markets. Approximately \$650 million in funding is available with awards ranging from \$1,500 and \$20,000. Match funding is not required.

*Eligible entities are required to obtain a free DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) before applying for this program. USDA has created a custom [PRS DUNS number portal](#).

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities 2021 Application (11/22)

In 2020, State and Private Forestry partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Northern Border Regional Commission to launch the *Recreation Economy for Rural Communities* (RERC) program, which provides planning assistance to help rural communities leverage outdoor recreation as an economic development strategy. In 2020, the program received 170 proposals from communities around the country. 10 communities were selected for a 3-

workshop series which led to the creation of recreation action plans with assistance from federal, state, regional, and local agencies and organizations and businesses. Communities developed a holistic vision for how recreation opportunities could enliven their main streets and feed the local economy, and some used the opportunity to deal with unique challenges such as affordable housing shortages and overuse of recreation sites. Deadline for applying is **November 22, 2021**. Info for this round of proposals can be found [here](#).

Climate Smart Agriculture Technical Assistance Grants Program (11/24)

[Español](#) [English](#) (Press Release)

CDFA is currently accepting applications from Resource Conservation Districts, University of California Cooperative Extension and non-profit organizations for technical assistance funding to serve an upcoming funding cycle of the Alternative Manure Management Program. Organizations may request up to \$120,000 to support two AMMP solicitations (in fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023) and the resulting awardees. Application deadline is **November 24, 2021 by 5:00 P.M.**

PT. [Click here to visit the application webpage.](#)

CDFA will hold one online **webinar-based workshop on November 10, 2021: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

PT to provide information on the requirements and the application process for this solicitation. [Register in advance for this webinar.](#)

2021 Draft Solicitation Notice & Application for Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (12/6)

The Department of Conservation announces the release of the [2021 Draft Solicitation Notice and Application for Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants](#). These grants are funded by the Department's Proposition 68 [Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program](#). The Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants protect, restore, and enhance working lands and riparian corridors through conservation easements and restoration projects on agricultural lands. Approximately \$6.5 million is available for projects on agricultural land. Eligible applicants are California resource conservation districts. Only lands actively in agricultural use are eligible for these restoration grants. Applications are due **December 6, 2021**. The [application](#), [budget](#) and [grant agreement](#) are available for download in word and excel formats. DOC staff are available to answer questions and provide technical assistance at WLRC@conservation.ca.gov

****Please note:** CARCD and several RCDs are interested in exploring a collaborative application for funding to create a "connected corridor" for monarch and other pollinator habitat in riparian areas. Please email [Nancy Wahl-Scheurich](#) if you are interested or have questions.**

Refugio Beach Oil Spill Settlement: South Coast Shoreline Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants Program: Request for Proposals, 2021 (12/6)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, together with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California State Lands Commission, and Regents of the University of California (collectively the "State Trustees") request pre-proposals under the South Coast Shoreline Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants Program ("Program") for recreational projects that compensate the public for the loss of use and enjoyment of public beaches, parks, and

other public or natural resources as a result of the Refugio Beach oil spill. Up to \$1.5 Million in grant funds is available for projects through this RFP. Multi-year projects will be considered. However, since the Program has limited funding, shovel-ready projects with either a low probability for cost overruns or a mechanism to address cost overruns are preferred. Matching funds and/or in-kind contributions are encouraged, but not required. Pre-proposal due date is **December 6, 2021**. [Click here for more details and application information](#). Please contact RBOSRFP@nfwf.org with any questions.

HSP Demonstration Projects (12/31)

[Español](#) [English](#) (Press Release)

The HSP Demonstration Projects showcase California farmers' and ranchers' implementation of HSP soil health practices. Demonstration projects enable awardees to help support widespread adoption of soil health management practices throughout the state. Not-for-profits, University Cooperative Extension, federal and university experiment stations, Resource Conservation Districts, federal and California-recognized Native American Indian Tribes, and farmers and ranchers in collaboration with these entities are eligible to apply. The HSP Demonstration Projects applications are due by **December 31, 2021 5 p.m. PT**. Late submissions will not be accepted. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and program requirements.

CDFA will hold two no-cost webinar-based workshops to provide information on Demonstration Projects requirements and the application process. Participants can attend remotely by [registering for webinar access](#). Attendees can register once and attend any of the webinar sessions.

- Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PT
- Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PT

Upcoming Events

Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) Pacific Region 2021 Virtual Summit (Nov. 9-10)

This summit will cover drought resources, water rights, among other resources. This virtual summit could be helpful to RCDs who work with or are wanting to work with Indigenous communities to listen in on. Registration and the conference is free to attend, but registration is required. [View event flyer here](#). For more information, contact: Keir Johnson-Reyes at (916) 995 – 3209 keir@indianag.org or Natalie Solares at (915) 542 – 1401 natalie@indianag.org

Redbud Resource Group - Masterclass: Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements (11/16)

An interactive 2.5 hour workshop for individuals seeking to grow their allyship with Native peoples. Participants learn about the strengths and limitations of land acknowledgements and explore concrete, action-oriented strategies for building connections with Native communities and organizations. The workshop will take place via Zoom on **November 16, 2021 from 10:00am – 12:30pm**. Registration is \$45. For more information and registration details [click here](#).

Call for Abstracts - 39th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference (11/18)

The 39th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference is coming up in-person on April 19-22, 2022 in Santa Cruz California. Jessica Hall, Restoration and Policy Director at [California Urban Streams Partnership](#), will be coordinating the concurrent session titled "Creating Opportunities for Community Involvement to Address Common Urban Streams Management Issues".

As you know streams are sensitive environments, many of which were historically or still are habitat for anadromous fisheries. This session will explore ways we forge and maintain collaborative relationships to steward streams in diverse communities. How can we create more inclusive and comprehensive collaborations? What is working well and what are lessons to be learned?

We encourage you to submit an abstract to present your work on this topic, and hope you will attend and participate in the session. The online abstract submission form can be found [here](#). Please e-mail your abstract in a Microsoft Word document to abstracts@calsalmon.org by **November 18**.

Follow [this link](#) for more information about the conference and guidelines for abstract submission.

UC SAREP Racial Equity in Extension Webinar Series (11/19)

Session 5: Understanding Disparities in Farmland Ownership will explore some of the histories which underlie current disparities in farmland ownership, highlighting different mechanisms by which racism intervened to dispossess people of land in California. The webinar will be held on **Friday, November 19, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 PM (PDT)**. [Click here for more information and event registration.](#)

RCD Events

Solano RCD Annual Native Plant Sale (11/6)

Join Solano RCD on Saturday, November 6 for their annual native plant sale. This year the event will be held at [Ruhstaller Farm](#) (and brewery) in Dixon on Saturday, November 6 from 12pm to 4pm. [Morningsun Herb Farm](#) will be there with a selection of native plants and herbs from 1pm-4pm stop by and visit ambassador birds from the [UC Davis Raptor Center](#)

Solano RCD will also be taking sign-ups for Monarch Kits! These kits will include 36 plugs - 12 milkweed and 24 various nectar plants - enough for a 100 sq ft Monarch Garden! Each kit contains enough plugs to qualify as a [Monarch Waystation](#). Waystations are crucial to the survival of Monarch butterflies, providing critical resources necessary for Monarch migration. [2021PlantSaleFlyer.pdf PlantList - Fall2021Sale](#)

RCD of the Santa Monica Mountains Trippet Ranch Oak Care Volunteer Event (11/6)

The RCDSMM (alongside volunteers) will be caring for the over 200 young coast live oaks planted throughout Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park on Saturday Nov 6th.

At this point additional volunteers are not needed but you can read more about the event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trippet-ranch-oak-care-tickets-198615122177>

East Merced RCD Pollinator Planting Event (11/13)

The East Merced Resource Conservation District, Merced College, and the Xerces Society invite you to help us plant and learn more about Pollinators in Merced County, their services, and how we as a community can help strengthen their resiliency and numbers. On November 13th from (9:30am - 1:30pm), 102 plants that support monarchs and pollinators will be planted on Merced College Farm and we need your help! [View event flyer here](#). Register at: <https://www.eastmercedrccd.org/training-and-workshops>

Ventura County RCD Hedgerow Helpers (11/14)

The Ventura County Resource Conservation District is looking for volunteers who'd like to help hand weed and mulch on Sunday, November 14th from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the King and King ranch in Fillmore, Ca, to help control the growing weeds. VCRCD has recently planted 2 hedgerows alongside native willow windrows on an organic avocado farm alongside a wildlife corridor. Once the hedgerows are free of weeds, VCRCD will implement their monitoring plan to document the influx of species we hope to see benefitting from the added food resources and habitat provided by the hedgerows. [Click here to sign up and learn more](#).



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