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## NACD Technical Assistance Grant RFP Request

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Have you been told by your state/territory conservation leadership you may submit an application?	Yes
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Ready to begin?	Yes
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### Applicant Info

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NACD Region	Pacific
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Organization	Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District
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Type of Organization	Conservation/Natural Resource District
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Name - Point of Contact for Questions	Stephanie Moreno
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Phone	(831) 235-1799
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Address	888 N 1st Street, Suite 204 San Jose, CA 95112
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Email	smoreno@gcrccd.org
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### Past TA Grant Agreements

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Did you have a previous Technical Assistance grant?	No
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Ready to discuss your TA2021 Request?	Yes
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### Project Funding

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Requested EQIP Funds	0
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Requested CSP Funds	0
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Requested COTA Funds	72685
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Total Request	72685.00
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Your minimum match required will be:	18171
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**TA Budget Worksheet Upload**

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<b>Budgeted Match</b>	18190
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<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	90875
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**Funding Explanatory Notes**

NACD funding:

- New part-time Soil Health Program Manager (\$45,760 - 1,040 hours @ \$44/hour).
- Six new paid internships to college students to work as resource assessment technicians (80 hours each position @ \$35/hour for a total of 480 hours).
- Contract labor will be used to coordinate the producer outreach and the intern program (50 hours @ \$75/hour)
- Travel - calculated for an estimate 50 trips at an average of 50 miles (roundtrip) at the current IRS mileage rate of .56 per mile (\$1,400)
- Agricultural lab analysis of soil, water and compost (if applicable) samples, including recommendations, 25 sites at \$159 (\$3,975).
- Training for new employee and interns (\$1,000).

Match funding as follows:

- Executive Director hours for project management and employee supervision (150 hours @ 65.50).
- Contract labor for agricultural producer training sessions (estimated 10 hours @ \$100/hour)
- Agricultural lab analysis of soil, water and compost (if applicable) samples, including recommendations, 25 sites at \$159 (\$3,975 - cash match from GCRCD).
- Supplies and equipment (\$750 - in-kind match from SBRCD and GCRCD).
- Training (\$945 - in-kind match from GCRCD; training hours provided by Associate Directors)
- Board Member time (\$750 - in kind match from all 3 RCDs; 3 Boards, 5 members @ 1 hour each using NACD rate of \$50.00/hour).
- Associate Director time (\$945 - in-kind match from GCRCD; curriculum and brochure development; 30 hours @ \$31.51 per IndependentSector.org )

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<b>Are you interested in additional funding to cover a second year?</b>	Yes
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<b>Second Year's Total Proposed Budget</b>	79565
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<b>Ready to discuss the details of your Proposal?</b>	Yes
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**Project Proposal**

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## Project Abstract

GCRCD, in collaboration with Loma Prieta and San Benito RCDs, will provide a regional nutrient management and soil health program for agricultural producers with three primary goals: 1) provide soil, water and compost sampling and testing to help agriculture producers prepare for nutrient management plans/strategies, nitrogen management plans, and/or carbon farming plans; 2) develop an outreach and education program for agricultural producers regarding best management practices for nutrient and soil management; and 3) provide paid internships to college students to work as resource assessment technicians as an incentive to consider a potential career path with NRCS or other conservation agencies.

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<b>Expected Number of Contracts</b>	5
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<b>Expected Number of Practices Assisted</b>	20
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<b>Expected Number of Contacts</b>	50
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<b>Expected Number of CSP Presentations</b>	1
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<b>Expected Number of Plans Assisted</b>	2
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### Full Accomplishment Narrative

This program will allow the three RCDs, which currently have less than 3 FTE between them, to expand their capacity to provide technical assistance to regional agricultural producers regarding conservation planning and best management practices. The specific services identified in the following objectives are important, as agricultural producers are experiencing increased pressure from neighboring land uses, environmental regulations, and COVID-19 related economic and safety impacts. The expectation is that after receiving these no-cost services from the RCDs, agricultural producers will want to use the resulting information and plans to apply for EQIP contracts, which will in turn help their operations become more sustainable. The resource assessment technician interns will be paid in order to allow greater opportunity for participation by a diversity of students, in line with GCRCD's recently-adopted Environmental and Social Justice policy.

#### Objectives:

- Provide soil, water and compost sampling, testing and analysis for up to fifty (50) agricultural producers.
- Develop nutrient management plans for up to six (6) agricultural producers.
- Develop nutrient budgets for up to twelve (12) agricultural producers.
- Provide technical assistance for up to twelve (12) agricultural producers to use available online nutrient management tools to assist them in complying with State and other regulations.
- Provide resource sampling training and an introduction to plan development for up to six (6) paid resource assessment technician interns.

Have you included all your proposed accomplishments? Yes

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## Project Staffing

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Number of districts/tribal districts where the funds will be used. 3

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Name the district(s)/tribal district(s) where the staff will be working  
Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District  
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District  
San Benito Resource Conservation District

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Are you a state/territory organization? No

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## Project-Supported Staff

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Number of Technical Specialists 0

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Number of Resource Technicians 7

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Number of Resource Conservationist/Planners 0

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Number of Program Management Specialists 1

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Number of Organization Management 1

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Number of Other Staff 0

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Total number of staff to be funded 9

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How many of these positions are for staff only employed for this project? 7

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Predicted number of staff hours to be worked: 1730

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Full-time Equivalent (FTE) years 0.83

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Have you accounted for all staff? Yes

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## Closing and Signature

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**Would you like the PDF to also go to a second email?** Yes

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**Second Email** ricklanman@gmail.com

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**Ready to Submit?** Yes

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## NACD Region Rep Review

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**Is the NACD Region Correct?** Yes

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**Past TA Grant Info Correct?** Matches Google Doc (within 90 days)

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**Budget Worksheet Check** Satisfies Requirements

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**Number of districts and names consistent?** Yes

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**Concurrence Documentation acceptable?** Satisfies Requirements

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**Priority Ranking** 5

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**Ready for consideration?** Yes

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