

CUSP Drought Funding 2025

Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Farm Information

Legal Business or Entity Name**

(The name a check would be made payable to, otherwise known as payee)

Character Limit: 250

Farm/Ranch Name*

Character Limit: 250

Farm website and/or social media handles (if any)

Character Limit: 250

Main Source of Income*

Is agricultural production the main source of income **OR** are you and your family actively working the land and involved in day-to-day operations?

Choices

Yes

No

Farm Address*

Is your agricultural operation address the same as the mailing address you entered when you registered for your account?

Choices

Yes

No

I'm not sure

Have you previously received an award from the California Family Farmer Emergency Fund?*

Examples: CUSP Drought 2022 or 2024, Winter Storms/Flooding 2023, Wildfire Recovery 2022, CUSP Extreme Weather 2025, etc.

Choices

Yes

No

Not sure

Have you received funding from an organization other than CAFF in the past 12 months?

Examples: Resource Conservation District, UC Cooperative Extension, California Certified Organic Farmers.

Choices

Yes

No

Not sure

What is your farm's total GROSS revenue averaged over the past 3 years?*

Gross revenue, is the total amount you earn in a year before any expenses are taken out. It's the total revenue your business generates from providing services or selling products, before taxes, deductions, or other costs.

Please round to the nearest \$5,000

Character Limit: 20

How many acres do you currently farm?*

Choices

Less than 5 acres

5-20 acres

21-50 acres

51-100 acres

101-200 acres

More than 200 acres

What does your farm produce?*

Check all that apply.

Choices

Fruits (e.g., watermelon, strawberries, caneberries, tree fruit)

Vegetables (e.g., broccoli, peppers, squash, lettuce)

Tree nuts (e.g., almonds, pistachios, walnuts)

Dairy products

Livestock

Honey

Horticulture (e.g., herbs, flowers, potted plants for sale)

Grain

Wine grapes

Hemp/Cannabis

Mushrooms

Other

How do you identify?*

50% of all these funds are reserved for farmers of color, immigrant, or undocumented farmers.

Choices

Asian/Asian-American

- Black/African-American/African
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian/European descent
- Mixed/Multiracial
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify in the text box below)

Do you identify as a first-generation immigrant farmer?*

First-generation immigrant = you or your parent(s) immigrated to the United States.

Choices

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as a veteran?*

Choices

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as a woman?*

Choices

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Farm address different from mailing address

Please provide your farm address/location*

Please write your farm location here, including street number and name, city, state, and zip code.

Character Limit: 250

Main Source of Income - No

If agriculture is not your main source of income, please explain.*

Character Limit: 3000

Under \$10k

If you reported less than \$10k for your farm's gross income, please explain.*

Character Limit: 3000

Racial identity as "Other"

If you selected "other" for the racial identity question, please expand.*

Character Limit: 250

Drought Impact

What do you estimate the current financial impacts of the drought on your farm business to be?*

Please round to the nearest \$2,500. If your impacts were less than 2,500 please note this in the narrative section below.

Character Limit: 20

In what ways has your farm been impacted by drought?*

Choices

Diminished planting/land following

Crop loss

Market loss

Water storage/transportation costs

Well drilling/retrofit costs

Additional equipment expenses

Reduced access to surface/irrigation water

Cost of soil amendments (compost, mulch, etc.) for improved water-holding capacity

Lost wages for crew

Other (please explain below)

Narrative Section: Please describe your drought impacts in detail.**

If you choose to not provide a detailed description, it CAN affect your ranking. The more information evaluators have to cross reference with your supporting documentation, the better chance you have of getting selected for an award.

Character Limit: 10000

Drought Adaptation Efforts

Have you or are you pursuing any on-farm water conservation practices? (for example: mulching, cover cropping, deficit irrigation, replacing surface irrigation with drip, leveling land to prevent runoff, etc.)

Character Limit: 3000

Select from the list below which actions/costs you are seeking reimbursement for with this grant:**

Note for drilling of new wells or repairs: To be eligible, an applicant must provide written verification from a [Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#) managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is located or proposed to be located approving the action, per [Executive Order N-7-22](#).

Upgrading to a larger pump that will draw more water is NOW an eligible expense.

Choices

Drilling of new wells or repairs on existing wells if sole source of water for operation
 Increased electric utility bills of 30% or more due to increased electricity rates
 Surface water costs if increase from year prior
 Cost of hauling water for livestock
 Lowering ag well pumps if a primary source of water is lost
 Emergency upgrades to irrigation system (if not covered through CDFA OEFI programs or USDA programs)
 Decreased crop yields/crop loss due to less water available or having to fallow land
 Increased feed costs for dairies and livestock operations
 Upgrading to a larger pump that can draw more water
 Other

Drought Impacts - "Other"

If you selected "other," in the list of drought impacts, please describe your drought impacts here.*

Character Limit: 3000

How will you use funds received - "Other"

If you selected "other," when asked how you plan to use these drought funds, please specify.*

Character Limit: 3000

Request & Verification of Losses

Request Amount:*

Please select the award amount you are requesting. You will need to submit documentation demonstrating your estimated losses and reimbursement request in the following section.

Choices

\$2,500
 \$5,000
 \$10,000

\$15,000

\$20,000

Supporting Document (1 of 3)*

Please submit your second piece of supporting documentation. Describe in the text field what this document demonstrates and how it supports your stated estimated losses and/or requested award amount.

*If possible, combine receipts/bills showing the same category of impact (e.g. water bills from successive months, profit & loss statements comparing multiple years, etc.). Multiple documents can be merged into one file if you have more than 1 document in each category of impact/expenses. Check out [this link](#) for a video tutorial on how to do that.

*** If you are a TA provider and/or are working with a TA provider to apply for CUSP, you may use the CUSP Technical Assistance Checklist as an alternative piece of supporting documentation. Download and fill out any relevant sections of the TA Checklist (PDF linked above) and upload as your Supporting Document #1***

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Supporting Document (2 of 3)

Please submit your second piece of supporting documentation. Describe in the text field what this document demonstrates and how it supports your stated estimated losses and/or requested award amount.

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Supporting Document (3 of 3)

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Potential budget-outline question for applicants

Please provide a general estimate of how you will allocate the funds requested. Your budget outline should add up to equal to or greater than the grant amount you requested above.

Please list the item in the left-hand column and the corresponding amount you will spend on that item in the right-hand column.

This list should correspond with your claimed impacts in the narrative section of the application to

demonstrate receipts for labor, purchases, fees, etc. THIS IS A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT ONLY AND DOES NOT FUND FUTURE PURCHASES, FEES, ETC.

Reimbursable Item/Expense	Amount

Verify & Confirm

Did someone help you fill out this application?*

Choices

Yes

No

Not Sure

(Optional) Reference

Please enter the name and contact info of one reference. Leaving this section blank will not affect the ranking or status of your application.

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I can attest that everything in this application is truthfully represented.*

Choices

Yes

No

If I am chosen to receive this grant, I will allow CAFF to use my farm name/image to tell my story.*

Your answer to this question does not impact the status of your application.

Choices

Yes

No

I would like to be added to CAFF's mailing list for future updates and opportunities.*

Choices

Yes

No

I understand that if I am selected for an award, I will be required to submit a W-9 form to CAFF.*

You will need a Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN), or Employer Identification Number (EIN) to complete a W-9 form. All awardees must submit a completed W-9 to CAFF for tax purposes.

Choices

Yes

No

(Optional) Please provide an estimate of how much time it took you to complete this application.

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