



Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program

What is the Farm and Ranch Grant Program?

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program provides funding from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property.

Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project, with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant.

What is Farm or Ranch Property?

Farm or ranch property is property that is used for rangeland or agricultural activities such as, but not limited to, commercial livestock and crop production, horticulture, aquaculture, silviculture, floriculture, vermiculture, and viticulture. Farm or ranch property can be publicly or privately owned and need not have active sales or production, but must be appropriately zoned or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities.

Who Is Eligible to Apply for the Grant?

Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and federally recognized Native American tribes may apply. Property owners who desire grant funding to clean up their



Illegal disposal site in Stanislaus County.

property must work with one of the entities listed above. See the "Need More Information?" section for contact information.

What Sites Are Eligible for Grants?

Sites may be eligible for grant funding if the property meets all of the following criteria:

- Unauthorized solid waste disposal has occurred on a farm or ranch parcel(s).
- Property is in need of cleanup to abate a nuisance or public health and safety threat and/or a threat to the environment.
- The owner is not responsible for the illegally disposed waste.
- Property is zoned or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities.

What Cleanup Activities May This Grant Money be Used For?

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Waste removal and disposal
- Recycling
- Personnel to administer the grant
- Drainage control and grading improvement
- Slope and foundation stabilization
- Equipment rental
- Excavation
- Revegetation
- Site security
- Public education
- Removal of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC)
- Administrative costs up to 7 percent of the cleanup costs expended

Can a Property Owner Get Reimbursed for a Previous Cleanup?

Yes. Reimbursement of costs previously incurred by a farm or ranch property owner for cleanup or abatement of an illegal solid waste site is allowed. However, verification and

documentation must be provided to clearly show that:

- Eligibility criteria have been met (see “What sites are eligible for grants?”).
- Costs incurred were used specifically for the cleanup or abatement work.

Whenever possible, property owners should coordinate with one of the eligible grant recipients prior to cleanup.

How do I get a Grant Application?

The Application is now online in CalRecycle’s web-based Grants Management System (GMS). There are three grant cycles each year.

Need More Information?

To locate a Resource Conservation District office that may be able to apply for a grant on your behalf, contact:

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Phone: (916) 457-7904, Ext.10

Fax: (916) 457-7934

www.carcd.org

To locate a city or county office that may be able to apply for a grant on your behalf, or for more information about the Farm and Ranch Grant Program, contact:

Stephanie Becker, Farm and Ranch Grant Program Manager

Phone: (916) 341-6484

Email: Stephanie.Becker@calrecycle.ca.gov

General information and the online application package are available at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/GrantsLoans/FarmRanch/>

Other CalRecycle Grants for Illegal Dumping

Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grants and Waste Tire Amnesty Grants

These are grants available to local government entities (including local enforcement agencies [LEA]), county and city departments, special districts and California Native American organizations. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis for the removal, transportation, recycling, and disposal of waste tires from illegal tire piles and areas where illegal dumping has occurred along public rights-of-way. The Tire Amnesty Grant Program funds amnesty events for the public to bring in their tires to convenient locations at no charge.

Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Grants

These are competitive grants available to public entities. These grants can finance remediation projects at solid waste disposal sites where there is a threat to public health and safety or the environment, and where the responsible party is unable or unwilling to perform the timely remediation or is unidentified.

The CalRecycle website offers more information on these and other grant programs:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/>