

Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program Factsheet

What is the Farm and Ranch Grant Program?

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program provides funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) 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.



Illegal disposal site in Stanislaus County.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and Native American tribes may apply. Property owners who desire grant funding to clean up their 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.
- Property is zoned or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities.

What sites are not eligible?

Illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property will not qualify for grant funding if the city, county, resource conservation district, or Native American tribe determines that the property owner is responsible for the illegal disposal or dumping.

What cleanup activities may this grant money be used for?

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Waste removal and disposal.
- Recycling.
- Drainage control and grading improvement.
- Slope and foundation stabilization.
- Equipment rental.

- Excavation.
- Revegetation.
- Site security.
- Public education.
- Removal of chloroflorocarbons (CFC).
- Administrative costs up to seven 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.

What are the filing dates for grant applications?

There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

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 the CIWMB’s Remediation, Closure, and Technical Assistance Branch.

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General information and an application package are also available on our website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LEACentral/GrantsLoans/FarmRanch/.

Other CIWMB Grants for Illegal Dumping

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.

Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grants

These are grants available to local government entities (including local enforcement agencies [LEA], county and city departments, fire districts, and code enforcement agencies) and California Native American organizations. Grants will be 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 CIWMB website offers more information on these and other grant programs: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Grants/.

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