



## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation program supports the permanent protection of agricultural lands by funding the development of local and regional land conservation strategies, as well as the purchase of agricultural conservation easements. This program will prevent increases in greenhouse gas emissions by limiting opportunities for expansive, vehicle-dependent development in favor of compact, transit-oriented development within discrete growth boundaries.

### Program Goals

- Protect at-risk agricultural lands from conversion to more greenhouse gas-intensive land uses such as urban or rural residential development in order to promote growth within existing jurisdiction.
- Support a healthy agricultural economy resulting in greater food security throughout the state.

### Strategies

- Strategy and Outcome Grants—Provide funding to cities and counties to develop local and regional land use policies and strategies that protect critical agricultural land.
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Grants—Work with willing landowners to fund the permanent preservation of croplands and rangelands that are at risk of conversion.

### Measurable Outcomes

- Reductions in air pollution and vehicle miles traveled.
- Improvements to conditions in disadvantaged communities.
- Implementation of a sustainable communities strategy or other regional plan to reduce greenhouse gases.

### Disadvantaged Communities Benefits

This program addresses common needs of disadvantaged communities by complementing other aspects of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program. The programs work together to reduce greenhouse gases and support the health, economic, and environmental benefits that are achieved by reducing sprawl. Disadvantaged communities are identified by CalEnviroScreen version 2.0, with benefits assessed based on the criteria in CARB's funding guidelines. CalEnviroScreen 2.0 can be found at [www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov).

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### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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