



# Blue Diamond's USDA Climate Smart-Grant (CSG): Hedgerows



Hedgerows are permanent, perennial woody shrubs and trees planted in the fall for roots to establish over the winter.

See USDA NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 422 for more information.

**Application opens May 1–June 30.**



## Incentive

Blue Diamond is offering **no cost plants and up to \$8/linear foot of hedgerow**. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all desired areas (in linear feet) to be planted to hedgerows in 2024. Growers will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requests above 4,000 linear feet will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## Qualifications

1. Participation in the Blue Diamond Orchard Stewardship Incentive Program (OSIP) for the 2023 crop year [bluediamondgrowers.com/forms/](https://bluediamondgrowers.com/forms/)
2. Registration with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) [offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ca&agency=fsa](https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ca&agency=fsa)
3. Completed application and subsequent approval from Blue Diamond
4. Proof of Hedgerow Implementation
5. Adherence to all program requirements

## Process

A Blue Diamond team member will review submitted applications for completeness. **If approved, growers will receive next-steps guidance from Blue Diamond and then be contacted shortly after by Pollinator Partnership to begin the hedgerow consultation and coordination process.**

## Benefits

Hedgerows may provide several benefits, including water conservation, increased soil health, nitrogen fixation, increased pollinator health, CO2 sequestration, and barriers to dust and wind.

## Where to apply

Apply online at [bit.ly/bdg-csg](https://bit.ly/bdg-csg)

## Reimbursements

The reimbursement process will begin after the project has been implemented and proof of implementation has been completed with Blue Diamond.

## Where to learn more

For more information, please review the detailed, CSG guidebook, which can be found on the Blue Diamond Growers webpage: [bit.ly/bdg-csg](https://bit.ly/bdg-csg) or contact [jbains@bdgrowers.com](mailto:jbains@bdgrowers.com).