



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/
2. Registration with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) 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

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 or contact jbains@bdgrowers.com.