

What do I need to apply for the 2024 BDG Climate-Smart Farming Grant?

To participate in the Blue Diamond Climate-Smart Farming Grant you will be asked to provide information you may not readily have available listed in the table below:

<u>Required Application Items/Information You May Need to Obtain</u>	
Blue Diamond Growers Information	• BDG Contract Numbers (for participating orchards)
	• Climate-Smart Farming Practices to be implemented
	• Desired orchard acreage per practice
OSIP Participation Proof	• 2023 CASP Assessment Progress Report
Farm Service Agency (FSA) Information	• FSA Maps for orchards seeking participation
	• FSA Subsidiary Print
	• FSA 156 EZ (Abbreviated Farm Record)

How and where do I obtain this information?

Blue Diamond Growers Information

For information specific to your contract numbers, Regional Manager, District, or any other related items please contact your regional manager or reach out to jbains@bdgrowers.com.

Orchard Stewardship Incentive Program (OSIP) Participation

1. OSIP is required to have been completed for the 2023 crop year (OSIP period closes May 31, 2024). The OSIP requirements can be found on the Blue Diamond webpage: www.bluediamondgrowers.com/forms
 - If you have completed OSIP for 2023, you have already completed the CASP Assessment Report which needs to be uploaded into the Climate Smart Grant application

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Information

You will need to acquire your FSA documents from your local FSA Office. To locate the nearest office, use the USDA Locator tool here: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ca&agency=fsa>

1. FSA Producer Subsidiary Print
 - This file should be obtained from your local FSA office
2. FSA Farm Map(s)
 - Maps should be obtained from your local FSA office
 - Maps should clearly show the Farm ID, Tract ID and Field ID with associated acreages
3. FSA 156 EZ
 - This file should be obtained from your local FSA office

Please contact Jasdeep Bains, jbains@bdgrowers.com for questions related to the Grant