

MORRISON CLIENTS SECURE

\$175 MILLION

IN CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE GRANTS

With the United States Department of Food and Agriculture announcing a historic \$3.1 billion investment in 141 projects to advance climate smart practices on the nation’s farms and ranches, Morrison was thrilled to learn four proposals we prepared for our clients were successful for a combined \$175 million in total grant funding.

Morrison’s clients included the California Dairy Research Foundation, National Sorghum Producers, Elevated Foods, and California State University Chico’s Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems.

Each of the four projects will provide technical and financial assistance to producers to implement climate-smart production practices on a voluntary basis on working lands; pilot innovative and cost-effective methods for quantification, monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas benefits; and will develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

The proposals submitted by Morrison will collectively serve more than 500,000 acres of farmland across 15 states, resulting in greenhouse gas emission reductions of more than 1.3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

Morrison is proud to have worked with these extraordinary partners, whose project details from the USDA Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities are included below.



Award: \$85 million

Primary States Served: California

This project will build climate-smart dairy markets and provide financial incentives for dairy producers to adopt climate-smart manure management practices to reduce methane emissions, leveraging matching funding from non-federal sources.



Award: \$65 million

Primary States Served: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and tribal lands

This project will implement climate-smart production practices across hundreds of thousands of acres of sorghum working lands, with the goal of reducing hundreds of millions of pounds of carbon emissions and developing markets for sorghum as a climate-smart commodity.



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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

Award: \$4,999,800

Primary States Served: California

This project would work collaboratively with regional small and historically underserved producers to launch the North Valley Food Hub for Climate-Smart Agriculture. The Hub plans to provide farm-to-fork integration through marketing and sales support for project climate-smart commodities by consolidating transaction costs, creating a one-stop shopping platform for buyers and a marketplace for growers to post and promote their products. The project plans to support producers in implementing a variety of climate-smart cover crops; no-till or minimum-till practices; nutrient management; enhanced efficiency fertilizers; planting for high carbon sequestration rates; and soil amendments. An incentive payment is planned to be offered for each producer implementing an advanced practice.



Award: \$20 million

Primary States Served: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and tribal lands

This project will implement climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on a large scale across cropland planted to fruits and vegetables, with a particular focus on fresh fruit and vegetable crops. Partners propose to implement practices on hundreds of thousands of acres planted to fruit and vegetables in key growing regions across the United States, and extend the producer reach to urban farmers in Orange County, California, and the Navajo Nation to meet the needs of small and underserved producers.



Morrison Managing Principal Toni Scott celebrates the announcement of Elevated Food’s grant award with Steve Brazeel, Elevated Foods Founder and CEO (left); and United States Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie (right).

Morrison has extensive experience writing successful applications for clients for USDA programs. For more information on how Morrison can help your business or organization secure state or federal grant funding, please contact the Morrison Grants Team by email at grants@morrisonco.net or call us at 530-893-4764.