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CASH FOR COVER CROP SEED WINTER PROGRAM 2021-2022

The Agricultural Commissioner and Resource Conservation District of Monterey County are offering financial assistance to medium and small growers to plant winter cover crop for erosion control during the rainy season. Growers are eligible for a rebate, up to **\$500** per grower, for seed of their choice that they have purchased and planted by the end of December 2021.

Cover crops are associated with soil benefits such as improved tilth and fertility, reduced erosion and crusting, slow down of runoff, increased infiltration and soil water-holding capacity. Cover crops can also host beneficial insects and suppress weeds. Furrow cover crop application has been demonstrated to significantly reduce runoff in sloped strawberry and vegetable production fields on the Central Coast.

To receive the rebate, complete and sign this form, submit to RCDMC with a copy of the cover crop seed purchase receipt and a signed W-9 form (attached). Your rebate will take 60-90 days to process. E-mail the documents to laura.murphy@rcdmonterey.org. For further questions call 831-975-7749.

REBATE REQUEST

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Ranch(es) Address(es): _____

Total Acres ranch/planted with cover: _____/_____ Crop(s): _____

Type of Cover Crop: _____

Planting Date: _____ Planned termination date: _____

As requirement of the cost-share program, a RCDMC staff will coordinate with you to schedule a site visit to verify that the cover crop was planted and provide additional soil conservation information. In signing this form, you agree to this requirement.

Grower Signature: _____ Date: _____