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| **Item** | **Eligibility Criteria –**  **An application must satisfy Items A-M in order to receive grant funding** | ✓ | **Staff Use Only** | |
| ✓ | **Date confirmed** |
| A | Long Term Commercial Viability  The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The land is also in an area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services, and the surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production. |  |  |  |
| B | General Plan Commitment to Agriculture  The applicable city or county has a general plan that demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment shall be reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to the area of the county or city where the easement acquisition is proposed. |  |  |  |
| C | Risk of Conversion  Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future. |  |  |  |
| D | Consistent with General Plan  The proposal is consistent with the city or county general plan. |  |  |  |
| E | Resolution of Support  The governing body of the city or county approves the proposal by resolution. |  |  |  |
| F | No Restriction on Husbandry Practices  The proposed agricultural conservation easement would not restrict agricultural husbandry practices (as defined in PRC §10218) on the land. |  |  |  |
| G | Restriction in Perpetuity  The applicant and seller of the agricultural conservation easement agree to restrict the use of the land in perpetuity. |  |  |  |
| H | Voluntary Easement  No government agency conditioned the issuance of an entitlement to use on the landowner’s granting of the proposed easement. |  |  |  |
| I | Clean Title  Clear title to the agricultural conservation easement can be conveyed. |  |  |  |
| J | Fair Market Value  The total purchase price of the easement does not exceed the appraised fair market value. |  |  |  |
| K | Appraisal Guidelines  Easement Appraisal complies with Department's published "Guidelines for the Preparation of Agricultural Appraisals". |  |  |  |
| L | Acquisition Timeframe  Acquisition can be completed within two year timeframe. |  |  |  |
| M | Eligible Counties  Property located within Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Santa Clara, and Tulare. |  |  |  |
| N | Local Government as Applicant Only  If the local government is the applicant, then it has not acquired, or proposed to acquire, the agricultural conservation easement through the use of eminent domain, unless requested by the landowner. |  |  |  |