

Urban and Community Forestry Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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| <u>Agency:</u> US Department of Agriculture (USDA) | <u>Bureau:</u> Forest Service |
| <u>Application Deadline:</u> June 1, 2023 | <u>Max Award:</u> \$50 million |

Description

Created under the Inflation Reduction Act, the Urban and Community Forestry Program provides funding for activities that increase equitable access to the urban tree canopy, broaden community engagement, and improve community and urban forest resilience.

Eligible Recipients

- State government entity
- Local government entity
- Agency or governmental entity of the District of Columbia
- Agency or governmental entity of a US Territory
- Federally Recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations/villages, and Tribal organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education
- Community-Based Organizations

Matching Grant Requirements

There is a 50% non-federal matching requirement, which may include allowable and allocable in-kind contributions (i.e., personnel salary, fringe, and indirect costs; services, materials, supplies, equipment donations; and volunteer assistance), and private and public (non-federal) monetary contributions.

Match may be waived for proposals that deliver 100% of the funding/program benefits to disadvantaged communities.

Eligible Projects

Proposed projects should align with the following goals:

1. Increased and equitable access to urban tree canopy and associated human health, environmental, and economic benefits in disadvantaged communities
2. Broadened community engagement in local urban forest planning, tree planting, and management activities
3. Improved community and urban forest resilience to climate change, extreme heat, forest pests and diseases, and storm events through best management and maintenance practices

Eligible Lands

Eligible applicants may apply for funding for a project to be conducted on non-Federal lands such as:

- State and local government
- Homeowner associations
- Private lands
- Tribal/Alaska native corporation (includes Trust lands)

Examples of eligible activities include:

- Foster community engagement in urban forest planning, planting, and management, especially those in disadvantaged communities
- Protect, enhance, and expand equitable urban tree canopy cover
- Encourage long-term urban forest planning, assessment, and management
- Advance the use of tree and forest inventories, monitoring, and assessment tools in priority areas
- Provide paid training experiences for urban forestry crews to establish and maintain urban forests into the future

To view a longer list of example activities, visit the [US Forest Services FAQ Page](#).

Examples of ineligible activities include:

- Research
- Construction and capital improvements
- Land acquisition
- Cost-share, reimbursement, and other payment provided directly to private landowners
- Small business start-up funding
- Equipment purchase

New or Existing Program

New

Tips for Being Competitive

The Urban and Community Forestry program is a covered program under the Justice40 Initiative. To advance the mission of Justice40, proposals that deliver 40% of the benefits of IRA investments through established partnerships with local organizations working to support disadvantaged communities experiencing low tree canopy and environmental injustice will receive priority consideration.

Labor Requirements

Under the proposal evaluation criteria Capability and Capacity, USDA will evaluate how the proposed project addresses “Key personnel (including partners/contractors) have the training opportunities, skills, expertise, and relationships required to complete the work and achieve stated results; hired personnel include union labor, living wage paying jobs.”

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Upcoming Events

- [April 25, 2023 at 2:00PM ET](#): Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Webinar

Webinar recordings will be posted to the [Urban and Community Forestry Program Page](#).

Partners Required

USDA recommends partnerships, especially with organizations that serve disadvantaged communities. Applicants that include contributing partners must clearly describe the relationship between the applicant and the “partner(s).” Partner organizations from disadvantaged communities must be full partners in the project. A letter of commitment is required to be submitted by each contributing partner.

Total Allocation

\$1 billion

Anticipated Award Date

Not stated

Resources

- [Online Grant Portal - USDA](#)
- [Urban and Community Forestry Program Page - USDA](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity - USDA](#)
- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions - USDA](#)