

GGCP Implementation Grant Information Session Q & A

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Would costs associated with establishment of a tree farm to support DPW planting work be eligible for funding?

The goal of the Implementation Grant program is to accelerate urban tree planting in promote benefits of urban canopy in residential neighborhoods. Therefore, costs associated with the establishment of a tree farm are unlikely to be considered eligible unless there is a clear and compelling plan for tree care as well as out-planting plan in residential neighborhoods in need of better canopy coverage to take place within 2-3 years. Applicant would need to have in place a robust tree planting program with the DPW, as well as demonstrate prior experience and commitment to tree maintenance.

Are costs for materials, such as mulch or tree bags, considered an eligible expense?

Yes. The scope of work may include the purchase of trees as well as associated materials for purposes of planting new trees, including clean loam, mulch, planting bags and/or stakes.

Is permeable pavement installed with tree pits an eligible cost?

Excavating and planting trees in pits are eligible costs. If the tree pit design includes permeable pavement, than that would be an eligible expense.

Is tree planting in tree planters an eligible cost?

The goal of the GGCP program and the implementation grant is to plant trees in a manner that will ensure measurable and long-term increase in urban tree canopy. Tree planters have not traditionally been considered an eligible cost provided the limitations on size, as well as low tree survival rate. An explanation for why in-ground tree planting cannot be achieved would be necessary. Tree mortality concerns would need be addressed.

In addition to tree planting work, are there other costs for vacant lot restoration/reclamation work that would be eligible?

Costs for vacant lot restoration conducted with tree planting on city-owned lots, could include debris removal, removal of impervious surfaces, or approved planting enhancements (mulching, barriers to vehicular access). A site plan for the lot restoration/reclamation establishing the number of trees and location on the lots should be developed in coordination with an assigned DCR forester.