

**GGCP Implementation Grant
Information Session Q & A
(December 1, 2022)**

Q: If stump removal to facilitate new tree planting incurs damage to a sidewalk, would that sidewalk repair be an eligible cost for reimbursement?

A: The grant funding is intended to support costs for tree planting work, not sidewalk repair. If the sidewalk repair costs demonstrably facilitate additional tree planting, and is a small portion of the budgeted costs they may be eligible pending the specifics. However, the budget and proposal should emphasize costs for tree planting and impervious surface removal. Not sidewalk repair.

Q: What kind of data collection is required for project reporting?

A: We do not require long-term data collection. A summary report of deliverables will be required for reimbursement – the details of this report will reflect the work accomplished. This could be a list of the locations of trees planted so that we can schedule or make a site visit to inspect the trees. Grant funding for community outreach would need to report out on metrics such as the number and/or type of event and the attendance or number of copies of printed materials distributed and how they were distributed.

Q: Is match funding required?

A: Match funding or in-kind contributions are encouraged, but not required. Points will be awarded to applications with in-kind contributions and/or additional sources of funding reflected in the project budget. Please see the bid document for scoring criteria.

Q: If the EJ designated communities within the City are all within the DCR planting zone, and this grant funding is for tree planting *outside* the DCR planting zone. Will the applicant be penalized for not planting in EJ designated areas?

A: Tree planting work should target residential areas with lower tree canopy cover. Additional points are awarded for projects that include EJ census blocks. However, if this would create an overlap with the DCR planting zone, we would not expect the grant to target these blocks. Articulate in the application how the targeted areas were identified/prioritized.

Q: What type of community training or education would be considered eligible for funding?

A: Costs for staff training that will directly enhance long-term tree stewardship is eligible for funding. If an applicant is proposing a tree planting program on residential properties, and community outreach is needed to identify residents interested in trees and/or bolster interest in the program, that is also potentially eligible (however, outreach in DCR planting zones is only eligible for the GGCP Partnership Grant program). If you have specific training or education in mind, please reach out to discuss further. Training or education should be focused on tree stewardship.

Q: Can a municipality sub-contract for tree planting work in addition to impervious surface removal, or does tree planting need to be done ‘in-house’?

A: Municipalities may sub-contract for tree planting work. Please see Exhibit C for the specifications that need to be met by contractors conducting planting work.