

**Cooling Corridors Grant**  
**Information Session Q & A**  
(June 18, 2024)

**Q: I see that costs associated designing a micro forest are reimbursable. Is design work for other projects that involve impervious surface removal for planting also an allowable project cost?**

*A: Yes, planning costs associated with the planting projects that involve removal of impervious surfaces are eligible, however, we want to ensure the funding primarily supports the implementation or work to remove those surfaces.*

**Q: A lot of emphasis on urban areas, can you clarify if rural areas (small towns) are still eligible?**

*A: Yes. Bid document reflects that eligibility is focused on projects that will mitigate heat regardless of urban or rural.*

**Q: Are Shade structures an allowable expense?**

A: No. Shade structures are not eligible. Funding is for planting trees.

**Q: Would the purchase of equipment be an eligible expense?**

A: Yes, if submitted in conjunction with tree planting project. For example, a water tank on it's own is not eligible, but if purchased to complete watering of a large number of trees planted city wide, it would be.

**Q: Are volunteer hours eligible to be considered as match or contributions?**

Yes. Volunteer hours contributed to planting projects are eligible.

**Q: Are shrubs and perennials reimbursable?**

A: No. Funding is for trees of 1.5-2.5 in.

**Q: Are communities that do not have state designated EJ communities but do have priority populations still eligible to apply for this grant?**

A: Yes. Projects targeting priority populations and mitigate heat would still be eligible.