

ENHANCING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

RFA PRE-APPLICATION MEETING



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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AGENDA

- Opening
- Important Dates
- Project Description, Project Categories, Amount Of Funding, & Eligibility
- How To Apply, Required Documents, & Scoring Criteria
- Additional Information

OPENING

- Have a question about the RFA?
 - Please submit your questions in the chat! We will use them to help populate the Q&A document
- You can also email your questions to 2022GICoBenefits.grants@dc.gov during and/or after the meeting
- Questions and answers will be posted on the RFA website: doee.dc.gov/node/1599911

WE WILL NOT BE ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS
DURING THE MEETING

IMPORTANT DATES

- Virtual pre-application meetings:
 - Thursday, June 16, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm
 - Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Questions about this RFA must be received by Friday, July 29, 2022
- Closing date and time for applications is Friday, August 5, 2022, at 11:59 PM EST

More information available at:
doee.dc.gov/node/1599911

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- DOE announces Request for Applications (RFA) for projects that will enhance the benefits green infrastructure (GI) practices provide to District communities
- The purpose of these grants is to fund projects that will
 - Implement a participatory planning and design process
 - Enhance community-identified green infrastructure benefits in addition to stormwater runoff reduction
 - Develop best practices for future engagement with communities towards identifying their desired green infrastructure benefits

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, CONT.

- Each funded project must employ a participatory process to engage the Community
- DOEE welcomes projects that propose innovative approaches to achieving this grant's purpose. Applicants do not need to have experience in DOEE's SRC Trading Program in order to be successful
- Projects should seek to use insights and feedback from Community members, helping to identify and address their needs around GI design, outreach, and education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, CONT.

- Applications should include specific, measurable, and achievable project descriptions
- Projects should aim to achieve the following
 - Meaningfully engage a Community in planning and designing GI that provide Community-identified benefits in addition to stormwater runoff reduction
 - Develop partnerships and best practices to enable future engagement with targeted communities; or
 - Install additional GI elements to existing or planned SRC-generating GI practices to provide community identified GI benefits.

PROJECT CATEGORY - DISCOVERING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

This category will engage the Community in the planning and design process for Stormwater Retention Credit (SRC)-generating green infrastructure (GI) to identify environmental, economic, and social benefits that are most relevant to stakeholders; and/or research and develop resources/identifying best practices for engaging the Community to better understand GI priorities moving forward.

The following are examples of projects that are relevant to this category:

- A Community outreach and implementation plan to gather input on a GI project.
- Survey research for a GI project, to understand the intersection of the values and priorities of the Community, and the construction of GI projects in the Community.
- A design charette to gather input on GI design and location, based on needs or insights expressed by the Community; or
- Materials that guide best practices for the partnership of SRC-aggregators and the Community.

PROJECT CATEGORY - INSTALLING ADDITIONAL GI ELEMENTS

This category will enhance planned or existing Stormwater Retention Credit (SRC)-generating green infrastructure (GI) practices with additional elements primarily designed to provide benefits identified as priorities by the Community.

The following are examples of projects that are relevant to this category:

- A measure to address flooding, drainage, erosion, or other site-specific stormwater management concerns.
- Tree plantings, native plantings or other vegetative elements that provide environmental benefits.
- Art or other landscape design elements to provide cultural or aesthetic benefits.
- Benches, tables, pathways, or other infrastructure elements that facilitate interaction with or use of the space in which the SRC-generating GI practices are installed.

IMPORTANT: This grant **will not** fund the construction of stormwater retention capacity. If applicable, projects under this category should identify and document other sources of funding that will be used to construct stormwater retention capacity.

PROJECT CATEGORY - OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

This category will educate community on green infrastructure (GI) practices, the benefits of these practices broadly, and benefits to further participation in the Stormwater Retention Credit (SRC) Trading Program.

Potential examples for education and outreach project areas include

- GI benefits, participation in SRC Trading Program
- GI stewardship
- GI maintenance,
- GI career paths (National Green Infrastructure Certification Program)

The applicant may propose to develop and use outreach materials, signage, curriculum, and/or conducting events to engage and educate the Community.

PROJECT CATEGORY – OTHER PROJECTS

This category will creatively enhance the Community benefits of GI and achieve the purpose of this grant with innovative approaches that may not be captured within the preceding categories.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

- The amount available for the grants is \$100,000.
- DOE expects to award grants to no more than six projects.
- The maximum award is \$30,000, and there is no minimum award size.
- DOE intends to fund a diversity of projects through this RFA, including smaller scale projects which request less than the maximum award of \$30,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible applicants under this RFA are:
 - Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations;
 - Faith-based organizations; AND
 - Private Enterprises
- Government agencies, universities, and educational institutions are ineligible.

HOW TO APPLY

- DOEE intends to fund a project that will benefit the environment, and, in particular, the environment of the District
- You may find additional information about the contents of the application and required documentation in Section 3 of the RFA

HOW TO APPLY, CONT.

Each applicant must submit one electronic copy to 2022GICoBenefits.grants@dc.gov formatted as a .pdf by the application deadline, **Friday, August 5, 2022, at 11:59 PM EST**

- A late or incomplete application will be considered received, not filed
- DOE will not receive faxed copies of applications

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. Certificate of Good Standing from the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
 - The Certificate of Good Standing must reflect a date within a six-month period immediately preceding the application's submission
2. Certificate of Clean Hands from the District Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR).
 - The Certificate of Clean Hands can be obtained through [MyTax.DC.gov](https://mytax.dc.gov)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, CONT.

3. Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances

- See Appendix 2 of the RFA
- Compliance with the promises, certifications, and assurances is a continuing condition of eligibility for this grant

4. IRS W-9 Tax Form

- Must be completed within the same calendar year as that of the application date

5. Tax Exemption Affirmation Letter

- If there is no IRS tax exemption affirmation letter, then the Applicant may submit the best evidence it can of its status
- See Section 3 of the RFA for additional information

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, CONT.

6. Applicant's Current Fiscal Year Budget

- Must include a full budget using a format at least as detailed as that presented in Appendix 4 of the RFA

7. Applicant's Financial Statements

- If the Applicant has undergone an audit or financial review, it must provide the most recent audited financial statements or reviews

8. Separation of Duties Policy

- Stating how the organization separates financial transactions and duties among people within the organization in order to prevent fraud or waste

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, CONT.

9. System for Award Management (SAM) with Federal Government

- Must be registered at www.sam.gov and provide evidence of registration as part of the RFA application

10. Indirect Costs Rate Documentation

11. Certified Business Enterprise Certificate

SCORING CRITERIA

- All eligible applications will be evaluated based on the criteria in the RFA
- Five (5) additional points will be awarded for qualifying local District businesses or nonprofit entities.

SCORING CRITERIA

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Presents an excellent, clear, feasible and relevant plan.	5
Presents an excellent plan for participatory Community engagement likely to ensure that Community's priorities are significantly represented in the project's efforts.	15
Demonstrates applicant's significant experience successfully working with target communities in engagement, outreach, education and/or design charette type process.	15
Presents a plan that is likely to provide solid information that will allow for future SRC-generator and Community partnerships.	15
Presents a plan that is likely to provide material for a <u>Guidance Report</u> documenting lessons learned and best practices to help other SRC-generating projects.	10
Presents a plan that will likely substantially increase the extent to which SRC-generating GI provides Community-identified benefits.	20
Presents a plan that knowledgeably and meaningfully addresses current and/or historical social or environmental injustices faced by the community in which the proposed project is located.	10
Includes a detailed budget and narrative that justifies the proposed budget	10
Additional Points: Applicant is a qualifying local District business or nonprofit entity	5
TOTAL	105

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- DOEE expects to notify each Applicant in writing of its award status within six to twelve weeks after the application due date
- For support in developing a DOEE grant application, please see the DOEE Grants Trainings series available at doee.dc.gov/node/1590721

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DOEE will create an email list to send updates and information regarding the RFA.

You can be added to the email list by emailing 2022GICoBenefits.grants@dc.gov with the subject line: “RFA 2022-2202-RRD - Add me to the email list.”

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