

**Tree Canopy Restoration
Questions and Answers (Q & A)
RFA # 2020-2020-WPD**

Q1: Please confirm you are looking to award the grant to a single entity or if you will be awarding multiple grants to individual entities. The RFA and the requirements to be included in an application appear to be written on the assumption that the grantee would be working with multiple property owners. This appears to preclude a single property owner from applying for funds under the grant.

A1: One grant award will be made to a single entity.

Q2: Are there any targets, stipulations, and/or constraints regarding tree installations on Federal, public, or private land?

A2: The preference is to focus the majority of planting on private lands, but there is no explicit target, stipulation or constraint. The Department will work with a grantee to develop goals and targets through a comprehensive work plan.

Q3: Are there any target goals for the programs within the grant for RiverSmart Homes installations, tree rebates, and large parcel plantings as we have seen on previous grants, or can the award recipient meet the overall goal without any restrictions?

A3: The intent is to provide the grantee flexibility to meet the overall goal.

Q4: For RiverSmart Homes-facilitated installations is there a plan to increase DOEE auditing capacity to further streamline the auditing process, or insert the award recipient during the process to help increase numbers?

A4: DOEE is not addressing questions about the audit process at this time.

Q5: Is there an existing audit backlog that we can count on going into the grant to help offset potential promotional efforts?

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Q6: The RFA states that “trees should measure between 1.0 – 3.0 inches in caliper size, or 6’-12’ in height,” with exceptions made on a case-by-case basis. With a requirement to plant 7,000 trees over the two year grant period, with a budget ceiling of \$1.3 million, the award recipient may need to use smaller, less expensive stock in the 1” to 1.5” caliper size range. Is this acceptable to the grantor, or will the award recipient need to submit a written exception request for each affected planting?

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Q7: Can the grant be extended to a neighborhood of Fairfax, VA (inside the NCR, Jefferson Manor, off the Huntington metro)?

A7: The RFA is restricted to properties in DC only.