

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications #2022-2224-WPD

Perfecting Percolation in District Parklands: Testing Soil Amendment Techniques and Subsoiling on Compacted Urban Land in DC

UPDATES:

- The Application Deadline has been changed from 10/12/2022 at 11:59 p.m., to 10/21/2022 at 11:59 p.m.
- RFA Section 1.10 COVID-19 Vaccination Certification Requirement has been removed.

Q1. Does the department have a written policy specifying an upper limit on allowable indirect cost recovery?

A1. The RFA has language pertaining to indirect costs applicable to nonprofits (see Section 3.2.c.4.iv). A for-profit entity may also elect to report indirect costs in a budget. However, DOEE does not have a written policy specifying an upper limit. DOEE scores the application based on overall cost-effectiveness, and applicants must provide written justification explaining all budget line items, including indirect cost.

Q2. Are there any cost-share *requirements* for proposals submitted in response to the RFA?

A2. No.

Q3. Can or will the District identify preferred technologies to be included in this study?

A3. DOEE expects grantees to recommend and justify a suite of likely feasible subsoiling and soil amendment techniques for use in the District. DOEE will work with the grantee in finalizing practice selection.

Q4. Can or will the District provide or assist in providing specific or preferred sites for field testing and monitoring?

A4. DOEE expects the grantee to identify potential sites (by location and owner) on District lands within the MS4 for assessment. DOEE will assist by facilitating collaboration with property owners.

Q5. Can the District please provide the location and status/results for sites that have been treated with technologies (e.g., Shockwave vertical aerator) for "decompaction"?

A5. DOEE expects grantees to conduct a scientific and technical literature review to provide information on location and status/results to date for sites that have been treated with technologies and to inform the selection of the technologies to utilize in this grant effort.

Q6. What active roles does the District expect to provide in the design, execution, and adaptive management of the ongoing research?

A6. Once the grant is awarded, DOEE will play an active role in the implementation of this grant project providing guidance on the overall effort, reviewing and providing feedback on designs and reports, facilitating collaboration with District government agencies involved in the project, advising on any permitting requirements that need to be met

throughout the project, conducting site visits, communicating with the public, and participating in project progress meetings.

Q7. How do I apply for the grant?

A7. Please follow the instructions in the Subsoiling the District RFA. And watch the training video series [“How to Develop a DOEE Grant Application”](#) for further guidance.