

**Questions and Answers for Request for Applications # Grant RFA-FY23-WPD-827**

Tree Canopy Restoration (Tree Canopy)

**UPDATED on 8/31/2023**

**The deadline for application submissions has been extended until September 11, 2023.** The online application must be time-stamped by 11:59 p.m. on the date the application is due.

The following changes have been made to the RFA:

1. The funding amount increased from \$1,600,000 to \$1,725,000, as an additional funding source was identified.
2. The requested tree numbers increased from 7300 to 7870.
3. Some clarifications were made regarding funding uses on DC and Federal owned properties.

**Q1:**

Reference: Page 12, Subsection ii:

Language: “The requirements for matching funds are that they MUST:  
2. not be allocated as contributions for other grant-funded programs”

Question: Unclear. Please provide examples for what this statement means, both acceptable and not acceptable.

**A1:** There is no match requirement for this grant. However, if your organization has allocated funds as a match for a different grant, they cannot be allocated as a match for this grant as well.

**Q2:**

Reference: Page 12, Subsection ii:

Language: “The requirements for matching funds are that they MUST:  
3. not already come from federal funds unless there is specific authorization”

Question: Are the grant dollars from this RFA derived from federal funds? If no, shouldn't any federal funds a grantee may use as match be valid?

**A2:** This grant will partially be funded with federal funds. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**Q3:**

Reference: Page 14, under header: iv National Park Service - Exception

Language: “Projects that would be carried out on National Park Service (NPS) property will require NPS permission. Sometimes the paperwork supporting such permission takes extra time to complete. DOEE will accept more informal statements generated by responsible NPS officials, including an email statement of intent.”

Question: This language suggests that plantings may occur on NPS lands, which – are a key open space component that will help the City meet its canopy goal and objectives of planting trees in disadvantaged communities. However, the language on page

23 (see question below) suggests that plantings on NPS lands are prohibited.  
Please clarify.

**A3:** DC funding may only be used to plant on private lands or District-owned public land in the District. Through this grant, only federal funding may be used to plant on Federal lands in the District.

**Q4:**

Reference: Page 23, under header: Project Description on page 22

Language: “(DC law does not allow this grant to pay for planting on federal land)”

Question: Please cite reference to this prohibition in the DC code.

**A4:** The RFA was updated on 8/25/2023 and this sentence is no longer part of it.

**Q5:**

Reference: Page 25, 3.c.xi

Language: “The grantee will report regularly to DOEE” . . . “Species’ Latin name and species number that conform to DOEE’s numbering system”

Question: Where is this numbering system located?

**A5:** The numbering system is in draft form. It resides on an Excel document with DOEE staff. It will be provided to the grantee after an award is made.

**Q6:**

Please explain further what portion of the total funds available are from federal sources. Is there a maximum number of trees installed that can be on federal land or a maximum amount of recipient match that can be used to plant on federal land?

**A6:** DC funding may only be used to plant on private lands or District-owned public land in the District. As indicated in Section 1.3 of the RFA, \$125,000 is from federal sources. Regarding a maximum number, the grantee’s proposal shall address the number of trees proposed to be planted.

For additional questions, please email: [2023treecanopy@dc.gov](mailto:2023treecanopy@dc.gov)