



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

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GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY

USDA FOREST SERVICE URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Note that this is the new federal forestry grant round (not to be confused with the more-familiar State DEC forestry round which is about to open.)

Funded through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2023

Minimum grant = \$100,000

Maximum grant = \$50,000,000

Match = 1:1 non-Federal match which may include in-kind

A 10% Indirect Cost may be included in the budget to cover the applicant's indirect costs (salaries & wages, fringe, materials and supplies, travel)

Timeframe: Grant contracts are for 5 years. Demonstrate measurable progress within 1 year

Partners are encouraged. Disadvantaged community partners must be full partners. A letter of commitment is required from each contributing partner.

Grant Program Priorities

- Increase equitable access to urban tree canopy and associated human health, environmental and economic (workforce) benefits in disadvantaged communities
- Broaden community engagement in local urban forest planning
- Improve resilience to climate change, pests, storm/extreme heat events through best management and maintenance practices.

- Advance the New York State Forest Action Plan goals which are:
 - ◇ Keep New York's forests as forests (prevent loss of forests to development or infrastructure)
 - ◇ Keep New York's forests healthy
 - ◇ Increase forest benefits for humans and all living creatures
 - ◇ Appreciate, support, and protect New York's Forests

- Advance the Ten-Year National Urban and Community Forestry Plan priorities which are:
 - ◇ Maximize community and ecosystem sustainability
 - ◇ Advance health and wellness of forests
 - ◇ Build community and natural ecosystem resilience
 - ◇ Integrate urban and community forestry into all scales of planning
 - ◇ Promote the role of urban and community forestry in human health and wellness
 - ◇ Cultivate diversity, equity and leadership within the urban forestry community
 - ◇ Improve urban and community forest management, maintenance and stewardship
 - ◇ Increase public awareness and environmental education to promote stewardship

Eligible Projects

Projects must be conducted on non-Federal land.

This is a broad grant round with few project restrictions. Design a project to advance priorities

Examples of eligible projects:

- Foster individuals, groups and organizations to become engaged participants in urban forest planning, planting and management
- Work across jurisdictional boundaries, leveraging ideas and resources to increase capacity to provide equitable access to benefits across the larger landscape and at a greater geographic scale
- Protect, enhance and expand equitable urban tree canopy cover
- Improve and increase access to parks and nature
- Encourage long-term urban forest planning, assessment and management
- Encourage proactive, systematic maintenance and monitoring of trees/forests to improve forest health
- Formulate adaptive management strategies to improve forest resilience
- Advance the use of inventories, monitoring and assessment tools including measurement of extreme heat

- Improve preparation for severe storms
- Improve recovery of damaged or deteriorated landscapes to more healthy, resilient conditions
- Protect, enhance and increase access to watersheds, with a focus on conserving and managing forest patches, and green stormwater infrastructure
- Address exotic invasive pest species that adversely impact urban forests
- Provide paid training experiences for urban forestry crews to establish and maintain urban forests into the future. Develop paid on-the-job training opportunities to expand pathways for green careers in urban and community forestry
- Create and maintain green jobs and economic opportunities for planning, planting, and sustainably maintaining trees and forests, including training and retaining urban arborists, youth employment etc.
- Aid in planning, goal setting and skill sharing with other professions (planners, engineers, educators, recreational and public health officials)
- Address low tree canopy cover, extreme heat, frequent flooding

Not Eligible:

Construction and capital improvements

Land acquisition

Cost-share, reimbursement and other types of payment provided directly to private landowners. The project may perform work on private lands

Small business start-up funding

Equipment purchases will be carefully reviewed; they recommend rental as an alternative

Basic research (applying research is eligible)

Budget Take 4

Irvington	Invasive Management	41,000	page 90 of Forest Management Plan	
Irvington	Brush Pile Structures for Wildlife	15,000	page 90 of Forest Management Plan	
Irvington	Timber Stand Improvement	45,000	page 90 of Forest Management Plan	
Irvington	Tree Establishment	58,000	page 90 of Forest Management Plan	
Irvington	Deer Exclosure Fence	6,000	page 90 of Forest Management Plan	
Irvington	Oversight and Management @ 7%	11,550	C.J. Reilly	
Irvington	Total	176,550	Total Irvington Woods Maintenance & Planting	26%
Hastings	Uniontown, Zinsser, Pulver's & Rowle	241,000	page 17 of Tree Inventory	
Hastings	Hillside Woods	150,000	Hillside Woods Mgmt Plan	
Hastings	Oversight and Management	60,000	Consulting arborist/forester	
Hastings	Total	451,000	Total Hastings Woods Maintenance & Planting	66%
Dobbs Ferry		50,000	calculated 100 acres @ \$500/acre	
	Oversight and Management @ 10%	5,000	Consulting arborist/forester	
Dobbs Ferry		55,000	Total Dobbs Woods Maintenance & Planting	8%
Education & Apprenticeship Programs		100,000		
Indirect Costs		78,000	Budget line to offset the Villages' indirect costs to run the project (e.g. utilities, payroll etc.)	
Grant Administration		6,000	Grant contract, progress reports, reimbursement requests	
		184,000	Total Costs to be split amongst 3 Villages	
Total Project Cost		866,550		
Grant Request		433,275		
Irvington Match		136,115	Match net of Irvington's share of indirect costs	\$115,835
Hastings Match		346,940	Match net of Hasting's share of indirect costs	\$295,460
Dobbs Ferry Match		42,220	Match net of Dobbs' share of indirect costs	\$35,980