

**Questions and Answers from the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns
Grant Program Information Session
12/20/2022**

1. Who is developing the Pollutant Load Reduction Calculator? What is its relationship, if any, to Field Doc?

The calculator is being developed by the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) through a previously awarded Green Streets grant. The calculator will be a more simplified version for our applicants and grantees to use. We will post the calculator on our website when available at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/green-streets-green-jobs-green-towns/>. There is no relationship to Field Doc, and you can still use Field Doc to obtain pollutant load reduction calculations.

2. Can the Greening program cover transition of existing gardens to native pollinator gardens?

Potentially yes, but it depends on the details of the proposed project. If the existing garden is providing low ecological value, there are invasive and/or non-native plants, etc., and you would like to transform that space into a native garden, Track 4 (Community Greening) would most likely be the best fit. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to discuss further.

3. Can an org apply for two tracks on the same site? We're removing impervious surface in a park and treating the adjacent street run off. Just wondering if Track 3 (Implementation) and Track 4 (Community Greening) could both apply.

Yes, an applicant can apply to more than one track. Depending on the project there may be one track that is more suitable to apply to than the other. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to discuss further.

4. Would Track 5 (White Paper) be appropriate for water sample analysis (nutrients, TSS, etc.) to help identify areas to focus Best Management Practice siting?

A white paper or tool that helps site and/or plan future green infrastructure would be appropriate. In general, Track 5 (White Papers) supports white papers that summarize the analysis of one or more aspects of green infrastructure or tools that promote green infrastructure efforts. White papers may be proposed that summarize research of a priority subject to further green infrastructure use. Tools may be proposed that will bridge a gap or move applications forward to further green infrastructure use. Refer to the Request for Proposals for example ideas. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to discuss further.

5. Could an organization put in an application themselves, and be a sub awardee on someone else's submission?

Yes. There are no restrictions regarding this.

6. Does the charette grant include direct support from the Trust?

The Trust will work with that awardee to procure that technical assistance. The Trust would work with the awardee to release a Request for Proposals for services and solicit a contractor to work directly with the awardee. The Trust and EPA will facilitate the process.

7. Can Track 4 (Community Greening) be used to beautify an existing outdoor project?

It could be possible. It would depend on what is included in the beautification of the site. Additional details would need to be provided in order to answer whether the project would fit with the project track. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to discuss further.

8. Do projects have to be completed within the grant year?

Projects must be completed within 12 months upon receipt of the award. Requests to extend the project completion period will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.

9. What is the timeframe for funding (start and end)?

The FY23 Green Streets awards will be announced in June 2023 so try to build your project to begin in June 2023 and end in June 2024.

10. Can you please share again the link of previously approved projects as examples?

Previously approved projects can be viewed by visiting <https://cbtrust.org/grants/green-streets-green-jobs-green-towns/>. We have an interactive map as well as a list of awarded projects with one page fact sheets that summarize the project.

11. Can more than one person work on the saved application?

Our online system only allows one person to access the application at a time. Previous applicants who wanted to work together on an application have used a document outside of the portal to fill out the application data and questions together and then one person will transfer the data and answers into the application portal online.

12. Will the recording of the information session be available online?

Yes, the recording will be posted on the Green Streets webpage at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/green-streets-green-jobs-green-towns/>.

13. If an application is partially funded, what is the process for revising the scope and budget to fit the smaller award?

We do not arbitrarily reduce the award amount. We do our best to ensure that if we do reduce an award that we are confident that the project can still move forward and be successful. We understand that partial funding means reducing the scope in some cases. If the award is reduced, the Trust will include an updated scope and budget based on the awarded amount as a contingency (requirement) of the award in the Award Agreement letter.

14. Are any federal requirements associated with this funding? (i.e., NEPA, etc.,)

If NEPA is required for your project then you will be expected to obtain all the required permits, federal, state, and/or local that are required to complete your project.

An additional note – this program cannot fund projects that are required under any regulation, are part of an existing permit, or are related to mitigation or stormwater management. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org if you have any questions about the eligibility of your proposed project.

15. Can one applicant apply for two different Trust programs in the same grant application round?

Yes. The Trust does not have any limitations on how often an applicant can apply to the same, or different, programs as long as you are an eligible applicant.

16. Can an organization apply for more than one track in the same program or would the organization need to submit a separate proposal for each track?

Yes, an organization can apply for more than one track. If you have multiple separate and distinct projects in mind you can apply to different tracks. In this case you would have to submit different proposals/applications for each project. If you have one project in mind that fits with multiple tracks, for example one project with different components, we recommend applying to the one that most strongly encompasses your project idea. Contact Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to discuss further.

17. Do you ever fund more than one project from the same applicant for different tracks?

Although this is not something that has occurred recently, it is possible as each project proposal will be independently reviewed as separate projects. As a note, although submitting multiple project proposals will not impact your chances, you will be competing against yourself.

18. Are there limitations that you know of as far as combining this funding with other funding sources? For example, a Congressional earmark (partially) funded project?

In-kind and cash match are not required but will be viewed favorably. Other funding sources can certainly be used as match.

A note, although other funding sources can be used as match when applying to this program (though not required), this grant cannot be used as match for other applications as it is federal funding.

19. We want to apply for funds in Track 2 (Engineered Design) and Track 3 (Construction) to update a street to a green street. Is it best to do these applications together or two separate applications (one for design and one for implementation) even though it's for the same project?

We typically see applications for design costs in one round of the program and then a separate application for construction/implementation costs the following year. You could apply for both in the same round however, historically we've typically seen projects completed in phases.

20. Can we submit one application under Track 4 that are in different locations? Example planting trees at different county facilities throughout the same community. Or would these all need to be separate applications?

Yes, the trees can be bundled into one application as long as it is all part of one project. In your application outline the different areas and what will be completed in each area so reviewers have a clear understanding of what you are proposing.

21. Is there an average cost per bioretention feature or cost for permeable pavers per foot?

We do not currently have that information available. If the question is related to implementation, the Request for Proposals states on page 6 "the majority of projects funded through this program

have a per impervious acre treated cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000 in total project cost (excluding any gray infrastructure elements such as paving, sidewalks, etc.) and \$70,000 to \$150,000 in requested amount (not including match proposed). Funders consider a very costeffective project as one that costs less than \$100,000 per impervious drainage acre treated (at a one-inch runoff level), not including costs of gray infrastructure elements. The strongest proposals will incorporate innovative green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) and demonstrate cost-effectiveness of such practices. Therefore, you should consider reducing cost by working together, even in your own community, to reduce the cost per impervious acre treated. Consider using free or discounted resources listed in Appendix A.”