Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program

- Applicant Workshop
- July 8, 2019
Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of Cuyahoga County Climate Change Action Plan
- Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Program
  - Purpose
  - Program Guidelines
  - Scoring and Selection
- Q and A
In July of 2017, Cuyahoga County signed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. This required us to create a Climate Change Action Plan, and track and report our County’s emissions.

- Aspires to reduce our overall reduction in GHG emissions from 2010 to 2030 by 45% 
  - Energy, Transportation, Natural Systems, Health, and Land Use

- Cleveland and many first ring suburbs have a low tree canopy percentage. Our county’s tree coverage is continuing to decrease due to development and clear-cutting.

- Tree Canopy helps improve water quality, reduces erosion and storm water runoff, saves energy, lowers city temperatures, reduces air pollution, enhances property values, and more!

- Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program

- Trees: $5 million over the next 5 years to plant thousands of trees across the region, to increase county’s tree canopy from 14 to 30 percent by 2040
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The purpose of this grant program is to increase tree canopy and thus help ameliorate the impacts of climate change in Cuyahoga County. The program goals are to:

- Protect existing tree canopy
- Expand tree canopy in areas that are vulnerable
- Establish new tree canopy
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**Planning Grants** – Planning grants will fund activities that develop an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Hiring consultants for technical and organizational assistance for community forest assessment and management,
- Developing an Urban Forestry Management Plan,
- Forming a Tree commission,
- Developing local tree laws,
- Conducting a tree inventory and/or Ohio Urban Site Index, and
- Identifying best management practices.
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Implementation Grants – Implementation grants will fund planting and maintenance activities that preserves and expands tree canopy in Cuyahoga County. Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Purchasing and planting of native trees recommended in an existing tree plan,
- Starting a tree nursery,
- Mulching,
- Pruning,
- Removing and replacing trees
- Watering, and
- Staking and guying and or trunk guards.
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FUNDING

- Year One Funding allocation is $950,000.

GRANT REQUESTS

- Typical grant awards are expected to be between $25,000 and $50,000

MATCH REQUIREMENT

- Grant awards will fund 95% of the estimated total project cost.
- A minimum 5% local match is required.
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ELIGIBLE LOCAL MATCH SOURCES

- Contributions of money by any person/foundation, local political subdivision, and/or the State or Federal government.

- Contributions in-kind through the purchase or donation of equipment, labor and materials necessary to complete the project.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA - When responding to questions please note all applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- Community need for tree canopy based on percent coverage as noted in the 2013 Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy Assessment:

- Contribution to the mitigation and adaptation of climate change with specific focus on environmental, social and health benefits

- Implementation and maintenance strategy

- Project metrics and evaluation

- How the project fits into the current community plan/budget.
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## Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Evaluation Points

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APPLICATION - Important Points:

- **Urban Forest History**
- Qualified Personnel
- Existing Tree Canopy
- Vulnerability
- Climate Change Action Plan
- Readiness to Proceed
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Three (3) Year Urban Forestry History Expenditures Form

To assist you in preparing the Three (3) Year Urban Forestry Expenditures, your urban forestry history must include: the name of the project, a brief description of the project, staffing requirements, project costs, and sources of funding. Finally, please indicate if the project is one of the following: (A) Active/Ongoing, (C) Complete, or (P) Pending.

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Project Personnel

- Role in the project
- Expertise
- Qualifications
- Contract a forester, please include:
  - RFQ
  - Prequalified foresters from the Soil & Water Conservation District website

www.cuyahogaswcd.org
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https://maps.cuyahogacounty.us/Html5Viewer/?viewer=greenprint
https://www.countyplanning.us/projects/cuyahoga-county-greenprint/training/
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Planning Grant Applicants must make a one (1) year commitment from the date of the Project Agreement to complete an Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Implementation Grant Applicants must make a one (1) to three (3) year commitment from the date of the Project Agreement to complete all major tasks as submitted in the application.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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