

2019 STREET TREE MATCHING GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This document will be updated after webinar on 11/20/2019 and again on 12/6/2018.

1) Can previously awarded applicants apply again?

Yes

2) Can an applicant submit more than one application?

Yes

3) Can a non-profit apply for a grant and also subcontract under another awarded contract?

Yes

4) How will funds be administered?

Grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis after invoices are received.

5) What is acceptable for match?

Cash, donation, another grant, in-kind services

6) Would a grant application be automatically excluded if the planting area is not considered a low-to-moderate income or does not have less than 20% tree canopy?

While preference will be given to areas with low-to-moderate income populations and/or with 20% or less tree canopy, a grant application will not be automatically omitted if it does not meet either of those criteria. The selection committee reviews all applications based on the following criteria: existing tree canopy, income level, match, education/outreach component, impact, enhancements, ability to implement, and maintenance.

7) What happens if an applicant is awarded less than what was requested in their proposal in the grant application?

If the award amount is less than what was requested, the awardee will be able to adjust their scope before signing the grant contract. The awardee is only responsible for 50% of the project costs.



8) Is permitting required during the application period?

Permitting is not required during the application period.

9) Is permitting required if planting on Miami-Dade County right-of-way?

Yes, permitting is required. If a local jurisdiction, a maintenance interlocal agreement may be required.

10) Is a landscape rendering required during the application period?

Yes, a landscape rendering is required with the application, however a professional landscape design is not required. Please refer to the <u>Landscape Rendering example</u> listed on the Neat Streets Miami website (www.neatstreetsmiami.com).

11) Do you have a list of trees we can pick from?

When selecting tree species, please refer to IFAS Extension's list of **Florida-friendly trees** and **Miami-Dade County Street Tree Master Plan**.

12) Can grant funds be used to satisfy tree mitigation per permitting or enforcement requirements?

No, please be advised that funds allocated to projects by the Street Tree Matching Grant originate from mitigation funds collected by the Division of Environmental Resources Management, i.e. Tree Trust Fund, and as such are encumbered for the planting of trees on public property. The funds for this grant shall not be used to satisfy tree mitigation per permitting or enforcement requirements.