



2017 STREET TREE MATCHING GRANT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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) Can a non-profit provide understory plantings for multiple grantee applicants?

Yes

5) How will funds be administered?

This year grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis after invoices are received.

6) Can grant funds or matched funds be used for anything other than trees?

The grant and matched funds can be used for trees, landscape design, installation of trees, maintenance of trees, and education about trees.

7) Is design considered an acceptable expense?

Yes, but remember the goal of the grant is to plant trees, so design costs should be kept at a minimum.

8) Can grant funds or matching funds be used to plant inside a park or school?

The intent of the grant is to plant trees along streets and corridors throughout the County, therefore if planting in a park or school, the trees should be planted along a perimeter so they shade a sidewalk along a street. Another option is planting alongside a pedestrian walkway in a park or school, as long as the walkway is connecting a street to a destination.

9) What is acceptable for match?

Cash, another grant, in-kind services (landscape design, installation of trees, maintenance of trees, and education about trees)



10) 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, ability to implement, and maintenance.

11) Can different types of oak trees count as separate species? For example, would Live Oaks, White Oaks, red oaks, Myrtle oaks etc count as different species?

Yes, as the different oaks are within the same genus, but they are different species however the example below is probably not a good one as almost 100% of the oaks that get planted in Miami-Dade County are live oaks (*Quercus virginiana*). On occasions you will see some laurel oaks (*Quercus laurifolia*), but this is extremely rare and even rarer is when you run into oaks in which different species have hybridized. All other oak species can be found further north but not in Miami-Dade County. If we are only talking about native trees then there are only a few examples of native trees within the same genus but of different species. One of these examples is seagrape (*Coccoloba uvifera*) and pigeon plum (*Coccoloba diversifolia*), which are 2 native trees within the same genus, but they are different species. These are most certainly different species and would count as 2 distinct species within the biodiversity requirements.

12) 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.

13) What does shovel-ready mean? Is permitting required ahead of time? Is a landscape design required during the application period?

Permitting and landscape designs are not required during the application period. Under the Location of Planting specify beginning and termini of the planting. Under Description of Trees, specify number of trees, size, and species. Show that you have made a site visit, i.e. if there are overhead wires, choose appropriate trees.

14) 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](#).