

Urban Forestry Grant Applicant Webinar - August 21, 2025

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Questions and Answers from the webinar.

Question	Answer
What percentage of applications are funded?	The percentage of applications funded depends on a number of factors for any given grant competition, such as available funds and total amount dollars requested by applicants. Over the past 6 competitions the percentage funded ranged from 57% to 66%.
In step one should we select multiple priorities if they apply or pick the one that applies the most?	Applications will be ranked based on project outcomes - the impact the project will have on the urban forest. Successful projects should result in one or more of the following DNR Urban Forestry Program priorities. Projects are ranked according to the alignment of expected outcomes with current funding priorities. Selecting multiple priorities does not factor into scoring.
How does funding changes at the Federal level affect the DNR Urban Forestry Grant Program?	The Urban Forestry Grant program (appropriation 58700) is funded through §20.370(5)(az), Wis. Stats, which is SEG funding (state dollars), not federal funding.
Would invasive species control (as site prep) be included in the planting or removal category?	Both invasive species removal and site preparation are not one of the 14 approved Project Activities. If you intend submit a proposal involving invasive species removal or site preparation, please contact someone from the urban forestry grants team.
Can technology costs be included? Example: ArcGIS software, etc. How much of this can be included?	Urban forestry software specific to the project is fully eligible. If your proposal is related to an inventory ArcGIS would be an appropriate software purchase and will qualify.
Do you have resources about gravel beds?	Your Urban Forestry Coordinator can provide technical assistance related to gravel beds. Additionally these two resources may be useful <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Guide to the Construction and Management of Community Gravel Beds, University of Minnesota (pdf)• Community Gravel Beds, University of Minnesota (YouTube)
What is the estimated time frame to hear back for on if your grant was awarded?	Status of funding notifications go out in November.
Do grants usually get awarded for their full requested amount or partial award?	Typically, grants are funded for the full amount. However, there are situations when partial funding may occur.
Are the scoring criteria that are used for grant selection available for reference?	The Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grants 2026 Application Guide refers to scoring criteria and application tips throughout. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications will be ranked based on project outcomes - the impact the project will have on the urban forest. Successful projects should result in one or more of the following DNR Urban Forestry Program priorities (page 4).• Answer each question clearly, succinctly, and completely. Make sure your responses focus on clarity and alignment with the Urban Forestry Funding Priority (or Priorities) and the Project Activity (or Activities) you selected in the grant application. Fully address all parts of every question asked (page 7).• Avoid irrelevant information. Answers should be specific to the proposed project. Unless specifically asked, don't include information beyond the scope of the project (page 7).• The cost estimate worksheets are used both in application ranking and to determine the grant amount for funded projects (page 21).

Additionally, more “Common Questions and Answers can be found on page 18 of the [Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grants 2026 Application Guide](#).

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