

GRANTS PROGRAM & IRA FUNDING

Survey Results

With new funding soon to be available for urban and community forestry activities through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, PlanIT Geo conducted a survey to get a sense of cities' biggest funding needs. Here are the results of the survey.



1) What types of programmatic work would you pursue with grant funding to be completed over the next 5 years?

Tree planting and establishment (public and/or private property)	16.1%
Proactive maintenance (mature tree pruning, young tree training, tree protection during construction)	15.1%
Planning (Management plan, resource assessment or inventory, risk assessment, Master Planting Design, etc.)	13.8%
Risk mitigation (high risk tree removal and/or pruning)	13.5%
Site prep for tree planting (suspended pavement/soil cell, soil amendment/recipe, hardscape removal, stump grinding)	10.5%
Tree-related ordinance review and development	8.9%
Workforce development	8.2%

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As of right now, dealing with EAB has left us well short on funding to deal with the work we need to get done in a timely manner. The increases in the cost of most goods is also effecting how much we can get done. With out the grants we currently get to help bridge the gap we would really be in bad shape.

- survey respondent

5) What state are you located in?

Colorado 10.8%
Illinois 7.7%
New Jersey 6.2%
California 4.6%
Idaho 4.6%
Maryland 4.6%
Minnesota 4.6%
Oregon 4.6%
Texas 4.6%
Virginia 4.6%
Washington 4.6%
Indiana 3.1%
New Mexico 3.1%
North Dakota 3.1%
Tennessee 3.1%
Alabama 1.5%
Arizona 1.5%
Arkansas 1.5%
Florida 1.5%
Hawaii 1.5%
Kentucky 1.5%
Louisiana 1.5%
Mississippi 1.5%
Nebraska 1.5%
New Hampshire 1.5%
New York 1.5%
North Carolina 1.5%
Pennsylvania 1.5%
Rhode Island 1.5%
South Dakota 1.5%
Utah 1.5%
Wisconsin 1.5%
States Represented 32

2) What amount of funding would you expect to apply for over the next 5 years if required to match the funds 1:1 with non-federal funds?

\$5,000	4.6%
\$10,000	20%
\$25,000	15.4%
\$50,000	12.3%
\$100,000	20%
>\$250,000	27.7%

3) With the previous work in mind and the option to request periodic reimbursements, how much funding would you expect to apply for over the next 5 years if NO Match was required?

< \$25,000	12.3%
\$50,000	13.8%
\$100,000	20%
\$250,000	20%
>\$250,000	33.8%

4) Is there anything else you'd be willing to share about your urban forestry program funding needs?

Need of Increased funding	42.5%
Need more staff and/or training	25%
Need ordinances to protect privately owned trees	17.5%
Need for more updated and/or robust tree inventory capabilities	12.5%
Need for more outreach and volunteering	2.5%

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Much of the federal spending seems targeted limited to historically disadvantaged groups, which is discouraging people in other communities from applying for assistance to meet their longstanding urban forestry needs

- survey respondent

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I am the only City forester for the city, so there is a staffing issue. I also have another job requirement as the City's only code enforcement officer. Along with staffing issues, is education and maintenance responsibilities. Most of the maintenance crews only know how to manage grass/turf not trees. So education and proper hiring of personnel is key.

- survey respondent

