

Indiana DNR Division of Forestry, Community and Urban Forestry Program 2024 Community & Urban Forestry Assistance (CUFA) Grant Application

Narrative Questions

Applications must address each question to be considered for this grant. If a question does not apply to your project, please answer "N/A."

1. Project Type(s):

- A. List the project type(s) encompassed by your project. Descriptions of the types are included in the "Grant Program" section of the application instructions sheet.
- B. Describe your plans for each project type. Be as detailed as possible.

2. Project Objectives:

- A. What are the objectives of this project?
- B. How do these objectives address your community's goals?
- C. How do these objectives address threats to Indiana's urban forests and community health?
- D. How do these objectives aim to increase resilience to climate change, pests, and storm events?
- E. How do these objectives aim to increase equitable access to the urban tree canopy and the associated health, environmental, and economic benefits?

3. Project Description:

- A. Why is this project important to your community? Be specific.
- B. Describe in detail how this project will be carried out. Timelines can be adjusted later, but it's useful to start with a general idea.
- C. Collaboration is crucial to the success of projects like these.
 - i. Please explain any existing partnerships with other agencies and organizations in your community.
 - ii. Please ask these partners to submit Public Comment Forms as part of your grant application package.
 - iii. You will work closely with the CUF team to create a unique engagement strategy for your community, and identifying key stakeholders is the first step of this process. Consider other potential partners you might like to connect with for this project. What are their goals and how might they align with yours?
- D. Are you able to scale the scope of your project **up or down** if necessary? Explain.

4. Project Coordinator(s):

NOTICE: If you have not received funding from our department in the last 10 years, your Project Coordinator will be required to attend an approved training event in order to receive any grant reimbursement. Examples of acceptable training events include: Tree Stewards and Indiana Arborist Association (IAA) events or other training events approved by our office during the timeframe of your grant. Please contact our office if you have questions about this requirement. If your Project Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator is an ISA-Certified Arborist, you may disregard this notice.

- A. Give the name and title of the person who will supervise this project (attach resume if needed). If the Project Coordinator is an ISA-Certified Arborist, please provide their ISA certification number here.

5. Community Information:

- A. Describe the area(s) of the community that the work will impact.
- B. How will you engage members of the community in urban forestry projects?
- C. Does the community where the project will take place have:
- i. A government department or staff that have responsibility for the planting and maintenance of trees on public property? (yes/no/in development)
 1. Please provide the department and the name and title of its lead or Supervisor.
 2. Is this person aware that you are applying for grant funds for an urban forestry project?
 - ii. One or more advocacy/advisory organizations that serve as catalysts for active local urban forest resource management within the community? (yes/no/in development)
 1. Please name the boards/organizations and their leaders.
 2. Is this person(s) aware that you are applying for grant funds for an urban forestry project?
 - iii. A formal program to care for trees on public property? This can be part of any entity listed above. Please briefly describe.
 - iv. An enforceable tree ordinance in effect or language in a legal document that protects and conserves trees on public property? (yes/no)
 1. If you **do not** have a public tree ordinance, are there plans to draft one and get it adopted in local code? Who is spearheading this effort?
 2. If you **do** have a public tree ordinance, please provide a link to the published ordinance on your municipal website. If it is not online, please include a copy of it with your grant application.
 - v. A public tree inventory? (complete/partial/none)
 1. How old is it?
 2. How has it been used as a tool for managing your urban forest?

3. Is it available online? If so, please provide the website address here.

vi. An urban forest management plan? (yes/no)

1. How old is it? Was the tree inventory used as its basis?

2. How has it been used as a tool for managing your urban forest?

3. Is it available online? If so, please provide the website address here.

vii. A current canopy cover goal based on an Urban Tree Canopy Assessment or other aerial map analysis? (yes/no)

1. If yes, what is it and how did you determine that goal?