

CDBG Green Infrastructure Program Specific Points Form

Instructions

The CDBG Grant applicant should complete this form with the assistance of the applicant's consulting engineer or architect for the proposed wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater project. The information provided in this form should be limited to the "green" components needed to validate the project. The following section must be completed:

- 1) Applicant Information
- 2) Green Infrastructure Justification
- 3) Green Infrastructure Certification
- 4) Grant Applicant Acknowledgment

For additional information on categories and green infrastructure examples [click here](#).

Refer to the latest Grant Evaluation Criteria for Program Specific Points included in the Application Instructions for further details. The application can be found on our [Construction Grants Program webpage](#). Submit the completed program-specific points by the stated deadline in the application. For any questions, please email the [CDBG Team](#).

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Lead Applicant	2. Application Number	3. Date of Form Submission
4. Project Type	5. Grant Administrator Name	6. Grant Administrator Email

SECTION 2: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE JUSTIFICATION

(Maximum 15 Points)

Awarded to the communities for projects incorporating green infrastructure elements in the project. For examples, please refer to [Green Infrastructure Examples](#)

The applicant must:

- Select all applicable categories and provide a detailed narrative in the section below. The detailed narrative must follow the [narrative guidance](#).
- Provide the completed Green Infrastructure Certification and Acknowledgment

a) Select All Applicable Categories

Water efficiency: Water efficiency encompasses conservation and reuse efforts incorporating improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water that improved quality while protecting water resources by reducing and preventing water loss.

Energy efficiency: Energy efficiency is the use of improved technologies and practices to reduce the energy consumption of water quality projects, using energy more efficiently, or utilizing renewable energy technologies.

Environmentally innovative: Environmentally innovative projects include those that demonstrate new or innovative approaches to delivering services or managing water resources more sustainably.

Natural based solutions: Infrastructure that uses, restores, or emulates natural ecological processes and (A) is created through the action of natural physical, geological, biological, and chemical processes over time; (B) is created by human design, engineering, and construction to emulate or act in concert with natural processes; or (C) involves the use of plants, soils, and other natural features, including through the creation, restoration, or preservation of vegetated areas using materials appropriate to the region to manage stormwater and runoff, to attenuate flooding and storm surges, and for other related purposes as defined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

b) Provide a detailed narrative that follow the [Narrative Guidance](#).

Summary

Background

Results

Conclusion

Budget Breakdown	Total
Green Infrastructure Component Cost <i>(Direct costs associated with green infrastructure elements)</i>	
Total Construction Cost (Excludes Soft Costs) <i>(Includes only hard construction expenses, excluding design, permitting, and other soft costs)</i>	
Green Infrastructure as a Percentage of Total Construction Cost <i>(Represents the proportion of green infrastructure within the overall construction budget)</i>	

SECTION 3: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CERTIFICATION

I _____ (Applicant's engineer full name), affirm that I am _____ (title) and possess the adequate professional certifications to review _____ (project name) and have determined that certain portions or components in the proposed project submitted for funding consideration to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs by _____ (grant applicant) qualify as green infrastructure or nature based solutions.

DEFINITIONS: As used in this document:

- A. "Green Infrastructure" means the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspiration of stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters as defined by Section 502 of the Clean Water Act. Green infrastructure may include features like permeable surfaces, stormwater capture and reuse, and landscape-based systems that:
- Reduce and manage stormwater runoff
 - Advance water-efficiency goals
 - Support energy-efficiency initiatives
 - Promote sustainable planning, design, and construction practices
- B. "Nature-based solutions" means infrastructure that uses, restores, or emulates natural ecological processes and— (A) is created through the action of natural physical, geological, biological, and chemical processes over time; (B) is created by human design, engineering, and construction to emulate or act in concert with natural processes; or (C) involves the use of plants, soils, and other natural features, including through the creation, restoration, or preservation of vegetated areas using materials appropriate to the region to manage stormwater and runoff, to attenuate flooding and storm surges, and for other related purposes as defined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

I _____ (Applicant's engineer full name) attest that _____ (project name) qualifies as green infrastructure under the subsequent categories and a detailed description of the identified green infrastructure components is hereby attached.

Water Efficiency

Energy Efficiency

Environmental Innovation

Nature-based Solutions

I _____ (Applicant's engineer full name) acknowledge and agree that this determination is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and professional experience.

SECTION 4: GRANT APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

If awarded funding _____ (grant applicant) agrees to provide written notice to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs of any changes or modifications made to the project scope including changes to the green infrastructure components of this project. I _____ (grant applicant) understand that any misrepresentation in this application may result in disqualification to receive funding and may result in the de-obligation of funds.

This information is required by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to ensure compliance with program requirements.

Signature of Applicant's Engineer Name: _____ Date Signed: _____

Grant Applicant: _____ Date Signed: _____