



Stormwater Management Incentive Program Grant



BACKGROUND

The City of Philadelphia, through the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD), and the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) created the Stormwater Management Incentive Program Grant (SMIP) to provide assistance to non-residential PWD customers. This program offers grant funding to stimulate investment in and utilization of stormwater best management practices which reduce a parcel's contribution of stormwater to the City's system.

USES

Use of funds is restricted to grants which support the design and construction of stormwater mitigation measures. These may include, but are not limited to: detention and retention basins, tree trenches, green roofs, porous paving, and rain gardens.



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Tree Trench



Porous Pavement



Green Roof

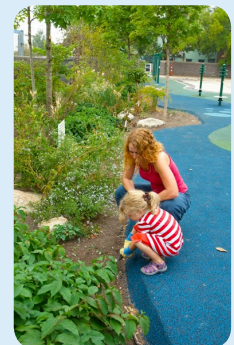


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Rain Garden

ELIGIBILITY

Only non-residential properties are eligible for SMIP grant funds. Applicants must be owners of the property or have permission from the property owner(s). The applicant cannot be an agency with the City of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any United States Department or Federal Agency.

GRANT EVALUATION & REQUIREMENTS

Projects will be evaluated based on a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, the total volume of runoff managed, the expected benefits of the project, and the ability of the grantee to leverage other funding sources. Capture of the first inch of runoff from the property that would otherwise be discharged to the City system is required. All funded projects will be required to file a deed restriction in the form of an Access, Operations, and Maintenance Agreement with the property.

PROCESS

A Selection Committee comprised of PWD staff will evaluate applications. Applications must be submitted electronically by March 31, 2012. Applicants will be notified by July 1, 2012 if their applications have been accepted. Grantees will be eligible to receive credits on their stormwater bills upon successful construction of the green stormwater infrastructure. Some projects may receive partial grant funding supplemented by low interest loans.

For more information about the SMIP Grant please go to www.phillywatersheds.org/what_were_doing/SMIP_Grant.

To apply for the SMIP Grant please go to www.pidc-pa.org/development-and-contract-opportunities/rfp-rfq-opportunities.

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