Boulder County Grey to Green Fund - FAQ

Please review the <u>Application Packet</u> first, as it contains the majority of instructions and answers. This FAQ focuses on clarifications and questions that may not be fully addressed in the packet.

Eligibility

- 1. Can I submit multiple applications?
 - a. No.
- 2. Is implementing a project in an EnviroScreen disproportionately impacted census block a requirement?
 - a. No.
- 3. Is de-paving or removing concrete a requirement of the fund?
 - a. No. De-paving is not required. Projects that convert non-functional turf, abandoned lots, or other underutilized spaces into ecologically beneficial landscapes are also eligible.
- 4. Is there a preference for projects on public land versus private property?
 - a. No.
- 5. Do projects need to be publicly accessible?
 - a. No.
- 6. Are projects that generate revenue (e.g. selling produce from urban agriculture) eligible?
 - Yes.
- 7. Are temporary or seasonal installations eligible
 - a. No.

Funding, Costs, and Reimbursement

- 8. Can you be reimbursed for items already purchased?
 - a. No. You may only be reimbursed for items approved in your award and incorporated as part of your funding agreement.
- 9. Are existing staff salaries eligible for funding?
 - a. No.
- 10. Is it possible I may receive partial funding for my project?
 - a. Yes. Partial Funding may be recommended by the Scoring Committee based on available funds and project alignment with program priorities.
- 11. Is there a required match or in-kind contribution?
 - a. No. A match is not required, though cash or in-kind contributions are welcomed and may strengthen the overall competitiveness of the proposal.
- 12. Can I use the awarded funds to pay for maintenance after the project has been completed?
 - a. No. Awarded funds must be spent within the 16-month grant period and cannot be used for ongoing maintenance beyond the project end date. However, applicants are required to include a post-implementation maintenance plan in their application, including budget, responsible parties, and frequency of tasks.
- 13. Can I propose a project that is already partially implemented and use the funds to expand it?

a. Yes. You may apply to expand, enhance, or finish an existing project, as long as the proposed work aligns with the goals and eligible categories of the Grey to Green Fund. However, the grant cannot reimburse costs already incurred or fund work that was previously covered by other sources. Your application should clearly describe the new scope of work that has not yet been funded, and how it will build on the existing effort to deliver ecological and community benefits.

Project Types and Scope

- 14. Can I propose a hybrid project that combines two eligible categories (e.g. a green roof with urban agriculture)?
 - a. Yes. Please note this would still be under one application.
- 15. Is there an advantage to applying to certain categories?
 - a. No. There are no quotas, but we strive to fund a range of project types when feasible. The overall strength of the application matters most.
- 16. Are hardscape improvements (like benches or paths) allowed for part of the green conversion?
 - a. Yes. Hardscape features may be included as long as the overall impervious surface is reduced. This will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.

Application Process

- 17. If I miss the submission deadline is my project ineligible?
 - a. Yes.
- 18. Can I attach letters of support or other attachments beyond what is asked for in the application?
 - a. No.
- 19. Do I need to measure ecological performance?
 - a. No.
- 20. Do I need a maintenance plan?
 - a. Yes.