

## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION Urban and Community Forestry Program

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RE: Concept Proposal for the CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments (CCI) Grant Program

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to submit a California Climate Initiatives Project Application for your project titled **Urban Forest Management Planning Project: City of Garden Grove** in the **Urban Forest Management Activities** category. Your project has been assigned a Project Tracking number: 17-CCI-UF-01-MGMT-0041.

The *Urban and Community Forestry Program California Climate Investments Grant Guidelines*, required PDF Project Application Form, and other related forms contain all the necessary information to submit your grant application. These documents can be found on the following website:

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource mgt/resource mgt urbanforestry grants

CAL FIRE will carefully evaluate each application according to the posted *Urban and Community Forestry Program California Climate Investments Grant Guidelines*. The following elements will be important in the grant evaluation process:

- a. GHG quantification for projects must follow the Air Resources Board *Urban and Community Forestry Program Quantification Methodology for FY 2017-18* (PDF) found at: <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/quantification.htm">https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/quantification.htm</a>. Applicants must provide printouts of both the iTree Planting and ARB calculators with their project application.
- b. Highly competitive projects will include those with substantial levels of collaboration with partners, and demonstrate community support. Such projects will have authentic community engagement as a strong project element. Letters of commitment from partners are a way to demonstrate such collaboration.
- c. Inclusion in the project of strong tree establishment practices, presence of long term urban forest management planning, a history of good urban forest practices by the applying entity, and a commitment to long term maintenance of the project are ways to demonstrate assurance that GHG emission reduction goals will be achieved.

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- d. All projects must show proof of what portion of their project can be considered "in" an AB 1550 community. A percentage of how much of the project will be in 1) disadvantaged communities, 2) low income communities, 3) low income communities adjacent to disadvantaged communities, and 4) benefits to low income households must be included. Please see the table in Appendix L of the Grant Guidelines for the definition of what "in" an AB 1550 community is. It should be noted that 75% of CAL FIRE's funds must be considered "in" such communities. This factor, therefore, will greatly affect a project's competitiveness.
- e. Budgets must only be submitted in the format provided by CAL FIRE, and should be accompanied by an explanation of the expenses as provided on the project application form.
- f. A detailed tree species list as required on the project application form is of the highest importance. Failing to provide a detailed species list, with the expected number of each species to be planted, may result in disqualification.

Please submit one digital copy and one hard copy as instructed at the end of the Project Application. The digital copy must be received by email at <a href="mailto:CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov">CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov</a> no later than 3:00 PDT on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The hard copy must be signed, and postmarked no later than Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Failure to submit the Project Application and supporting documents by the due date will result in your proposal being disqualified. You must reference your project tracking number on each document of your application package when submitting the required documents. For the digital copy, use the project tracking number in the file name for each file submitted. For the hard copy, be sure to put the tracking number at the top of the page, even if it must be handwritten.

Due to the high demand for Urban and Community Forestry CCI grants, CAL FIRE will not be able to fund all projects for the applications submitted. Consequently, invitations to submit an application, and acknowledgement of a completed application, do not guarantee that the project will be funded.

Sincerely,

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