

# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

## What is the Green Infrastructure Grant Program?

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Green Infrastructure Grant Program provides funding for the design and construction of green infrastructure projects. The goals of this program are to improve the performance of city's sewer system during wet weather, while delivering benefits that enhance the quality of life of San Franciscans.

## What does the green infrastructure grant program fund?

The Green Infrastructure Grant Program will provide grant funding to eligible applicants to cover the costs of design and construction of an approved stormwater management feature.

## How do I know if I am eligible to apply?

The Green Infrastructure Grant Program is designed to fund stormwater retrofits for SFPUC rate payers that own large impervious properties. Some examples of property types that may be eligible include schools, parks, community centers, faith-based centers, large box retail stores, and multi-family housing projects. Applicants (or Grantees) may be a property owner, a for-profit or non-profit entity, an individual or a governmental entity. To receive funding under the Grant Program an applicant must demonstrate that the project:

1. Is located on a parcel and/or public right-of-way area that connects or discharges to a sewer system service area owned and operated by the SFPUC.
2. Manages stormwater runoff from a minimum impervious area of 0.5 acres.
3. Captures the 90th percentile storm (0.75-inch depth) with the proposed green infrastructure features.
4. Provides at least two (2) of the identified co-benefits from the program list, which are listed on the following page.
5. Has a grant team that collectively demonstrates a history of successful project implementation and has previous experience designing, constructing, and/or maintaining green infrastructure.

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Green infrastructure takes advantage of the natural processes of soils and plants in order to slow down and filter stormwater to keep it from overwhelming our sewer system. Types include **rain gardens, permeable pavement, cisterns, and vegetated roofs.**

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Applications are due biannually in the spring and fall. Program Guidebook and Application instructions are available online at [sfpuc.gov/gigrants](https://sfpuc.gov/gigrants).

## CO-BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

Proposed projects must demonstrate that they provide at least two of the following co-benefits:

- Environmental Justice
- Public Access, Open Space, and Recreation
- Community Engagement, Collaboration, and Placemaking
- Education and Watershed Stewardship
- Green Infrastructure Job Training
- Water Supply
- Climate Resilience
- Biodiversity

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## Questions?

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## More information

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