Financial Assistance

• Annual grant program
  • tree planting and inventory
• Ash removal for New Castle County
• Invasive species removal
• Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for underserved communities
U&CF Annual Grant Program

• Homeowners associations, municipalities, non-profits
• Tree Planting/Inventory projects
• Public land/open space
• $500 - $5000
• 50/50 matching in cash or in-kind
• Site Visits required
• Reimbursement
2024 Grant Cycle

Municipalities/Local Government
• Applications open 11/3/2023
• Deadline 1/26/2024
• Status letters 2/16/2024
• Project deadline 6/3/2024

HOA’s, Communities, Non-Profit
• Applications open 3/1/2024
• Deadline 6/14/2024
• Status letters 7/12/2024
• Project deadline 11/29/2024
Ash Removal

• Ash tree removal resulting from Emerald Ash Borer in New Castle County
• Available to HOA’s, Communities, Non-profits and municipalities
• Guidelines - similar to annual grant with the addition that for every tree removed one must be planted.
• Rolling grant until funds are exhausted
• Interested parties can reach out to me at Taryn.Davidson@delaware.gov
Invasive Species Removal

• Will model competitive grant program
• HOA’s, Communities, non-profit and municipalities
• Invasive species management or tree removal
• Tree of Heaven and Bradford Pear
• 1:1 removal/replacement
• Match waiver
IRA – Inflation Reduction Act

• Subgrant program
• Disadvantaged communities
• Increase urban tree canopy, broaden community engagement, improve forest health, increase number of urban forestry professionals
Disadvantaged Communities

• CEJST tool
  • Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
• Disadvantaged thresholds/burdens
  • Climate Change, Energy, Health, Legacy pollution, Transportation, Water and Wastewater, and Workforce Development
Subgrant Process

- Delaware Forest Service (DFS) > Partner Organizations
- Partner Organizations > disadvantaged communities

- Funding
  - Tree inventory
  - Tree planting
  - Tree removal
  - Management plans
  - Outreach & education

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U&CF Grant Funding Opportunities

• U&CF Annual Grant Program
• Ash Removal Grants
• Invasive species grant
• Inflation Reduction Act Funding for disadvantaged communities
QUESTIONS??

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