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**ADDENDUM 2**

**TO:** INTERESTED APPLICANTS

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**Funding Opportunity Number:** 21-DG-11083112-001- A

**Funding Opportunity Title:** 2021 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

**Type:** Request for Federal Financial Assistance Applications

This addendum is to provide all potential applicants with [answers](#) to questions received in reference to this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

**Question / [Answer](#)**

1. On page 5 condition 12e. A three (3)-year maintenance plan to be carried out by the grant recipient at their expense. Maintenance costs incurred after certification by the Florida Forest Service are ineligible for reimbursement. How do we budget for maintenance costs for a 3-year period when this grant provides funding for one year at a time? In addition, per City of Fort Lauderdale code all maintenance for trees (including newly installed ones) is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner not the City. As the City would be the grant recipient this presents an interesting quandary. Who would ultimately be responsible for maintenance in this scenario should a grant be awarded?

[The maintenance plan is intended to help the community think about the longer-term tree establishment period that will occur beyond the scope of the grant. There does not need to be a budget component to the plan, just a description or discussion of how the recipient will ensure the success of the project beyond the initial contract period. There is no set requirement for how the maintenance is performed and applicants should follow all relevant local code and policies.](#)

2. On page 4 Tree Planting Requirements 4. Up to ten percent (10%) of the grant award may be used for the purchase and/or installation of irrigation equipment or an irrigation system, or for supplemental watering during the 60-day grow-in period. Is there any flexibility on this percentage as watering labor costs have drastically increased recently due to inflation? In addition, the recommended establishment watering period is considered to be 3 months which would eclipse the 60-days (ex. everyday Month 1, every other day Month 2, every 3rd day Month 3). Is there any flexibility for funding of a longer establishment period per the example schedule?

[No, 10% is a firm number of what this grant can pay for irrigation. However, any additional funding spent by the recipient on irrigation may be counted towards the match requirement. The 60-day grow-in period is a minimum that must be completed](#)

*prior to final closeout and reimbursement. The applicant may specify a longer grow-in period as long as the project timeline remains within a contract period of 1 year.*

**This Addendum is hereby incorporated into, and made a part thereof, the above noted Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity. All other terms, conditions and specifications of this Opportunity will remain unchanged. For questions regarding this Addendum, please contact this Office of General Services at (850) 617-7181 or email at [Bids@FDACS.gov](mailto:Bids@FDACS.gov)**