

Climb to Managing Community Application

Applicant Information

1. Does your organization have a Federal Employer Identification Number and Unique Entity ID # (obtained in SAM.gov)? If no, your application cannot be accepted. You may apply at a later offering once you have acquired UEI. You will be forwarded to the end of the application, and one of our staff members will contact you to learn more about your project. *
 - a. What is your Unique Entity ID? *
 - b. What is your Federal Identification Number? *
2. Did your organization receive \$750,000 or more in Federal assistance last fiscal year? *
3. Our community meets the following Tree City USA standards; *
 - a. A municipal ordinance that directs the management of trees located on public property.
 - b. A department or municipal board designated as responsible for the management of urban forestry activities.
 - c. Celebrates Arbor Day each year
 - d. Spends \$2 per capita annually on U&CF activities
4. Briefly describe your community and current urban and community forestry program/activities.
 - a. Hendersonville, NC, known as the 'The City of Four Seasons' is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In addition to its natural beauty, Hendersonville's charming downtown and rich agricultural and cultural heritage brings visitors near and far. Hendersonville has been a Tree City USA member for 35 years. Our Tree Board, founded during the same time, is dedicated to preserving and expanding our tree canopy and natural resources. Our Property Maintenance staff of 18 and contracted arborist maintains the landscaping and natural resources within the City. Current community forestry related programs include the Bradford Pear Bounty, Neighborwoods, and Heritage Tree programs. Our Tree Board also maintains a list of approved landscape plants for developers, gardeners, and homeowners. Lastly, our Tree Ordinance, revised in 2024 is the guiding document for tree canopy maintenance on private property.

Project Team

1. Please provide the name, organization, and job title of the project lead. *
 - a. Caitlyn Gendusa, City of Hendersonville, Sustainability Manager
2. Please provide the name, organization and job title of the urban forestry lead. *
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3. Please provide the name, organization and job title of your communications lead. *
 - a. Allison Justice, City of Hendersonville, Communications Director
4. Please provide the name, organization, job title and role of any additional project team members. Type "N/A" if not applicable. *
 - a. City of Hendersonville Tree Board Members: Skye Williams, Tommy Oakman, Glenn Lange, Natalie Wilcoxon, Ed Skvarch, Bill Leatherwood, and Richard Bowerman

5. Please provide the names of each project partner (organization/entity with a direct role in completion of the project). Type "N/A" if not applicable. *
- a. N/A

Project Information

1. Statement of Needs and Opportunities: See our Financial Assistance Program webpage How to Apply and Requirements section for guidance. (4000 character limit). *
 - a. Hendersonville was among the communities devastated by Hurricane Helene in 2024...The last tree canopy assessment completed showed a 2% canopy decrease from 2014 to 2022. Due to the impacts in tree canopy from Hurricane Helene and steady decline shown in the 2022 tree canopy analysis, a comprehensive tree canopy assessment of public and private land is needed to assess the current state of the urban forest, identify priority areas for maintenance and planting, engage residents, and inform the development of an urban forestry management plan.
2. An Outreach program is required. What practices are you applying for assistance to complete? *
 - a. Sample Tree Inventory
 - b. Partial Tree Inventory - Risk Trees
 - c. **Canopy Cover Assessment**
 - d. Conservation Development Ordinance
 - e. Practice Plan - Tree Mitigation Plan
 - f. Practice Plan - Trees & Storms Readiness Plan
 - g. **Management Plan**
3. What is the total amount of financial assistance you are requesting (NCFS/Grant Share)? *
4. Which Funding Program are you applying for? *
 - a. Hurricane Helene Supplemental
5. Select the Deliverables applicable to your project that will be worked in Quarter 1. *
 - a. Outreach program
 - b. Outreach product
 - c. Outreach event
 - d. Tree Inventory
 - e. **Canopy Cover Assessment**
 - f. Ordinance
 - g. Practice Plan - Tree Risk Mitigation Plan
 - h. Practice Plan - T&S Readiness Plan
 - i. Management Plan
 - j. Other
6. Project Quarter 1 Work Narrative - Write a summary of the work that will be completed on the deliverables you listed, in order of completion and by whom (project team, contractors etc)

(4000 character limit). *

7. Select the Deliverables applicable to your project that will be worked in Quarter 2. *

- a. Outreach program
- b. Outreach product
- c. Outreach event
- d. Tree Inventory
- e. Canopy Cover Assessment**
- f. Ordinance
- g. Practice Plan - Tree Risk Mitigation Plan
- h. Practice Plan - T&S Readiness Plan
- i. Management Plan
- j. Other

8. Project Quarter 2 Work Narrative - Write a summary of the work that will be completed on the deliverables you listed, in order of completion and by whom (project team, contractors etc) (4000 character limit). *

9. Select the Deliverables applicable to your project that will be worked in Quarter 3. *

- a. Outreach program
- b. Outreach product
- c. Outreach event
- d. Tree Inventory
- e. Canopy Cover Assessment
- f. Ordinance
- g. Practice Plan - Tree Risk Mitigation Plan
- h. Practice Plan - T&S Readiness Plan
- i. Management Plan**
- j. Other

10. Project Quarter 3 Work Narrative - Write a summary of the work that will be completed on the deliverables you listed, in order of completion and by whom (project team, contractors etc) (4000 character limit). *

11. Select the Deliverables applicable to your project that will be worked in Quarter 4. *

- a. Outreach program
- b. Outreach product
- c. Outreach event
- d. Tree Inventory
- e. Canopy Cover Assessment
- f. Ordinance
- g. Practice Plan - Tree Risk Mitigation Plan
- h. Practice Plan - T&S Readiness Plan
- i. Management Plan**

j. Other

12. Project Quarter 4 Work Narrative - Write a summary of the work that will be completed on the deliverables you listed, in order of completion and by whom (project team, contractors etc) (4000 character limit). *

Required Application Documentation

1. Email PDF copies your required application documentation to ncfsucf@ncagr.gov . Please confirm by selecting the documentation you are sending us.
 - a. Completed RFA Budget Form -Cost Share
 - b. Consulting services quotes/proposals
 - c. Other

Closing

1. Please provide the name of the NCFS county ranger you have contacted and inform that you are submitting an application. *
2. What will be the next urban forestry practice and community forestry practice or activity your community will work toward after the completion of this practice? *
3. Enter any additional information you would like to add in closing.
4. I, full name and job title noted below, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided herein is true and represents the desires of this community or organization. I further certify that I understand the purpose and rules of the NCFS Urban and Community Forestry Financial Assistance program. *