

Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (FY 2025)

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Evaluation & Scoring

Opportunity Information

CSFA Number

532-60-2388

CSFA Popular Name

Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

Title

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Description

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to advise potential applicants of the availability of grant funds through the Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (GIGO). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is seeking proposals for projects to construct green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) that prevent, eliminate, or reduce stormwater runoff, reducing localized or riverine flooding in Illinois' rivers, streams, and lakes. Projects that implement treatment trains (multiple BMPs in series) and/or multiple BMPs within the same watershed are encouraged as they may be more effective and efficient than a single large green infrastructure BMP. BMPs may be located on public or private land.

For the purposes of GIGO, Green Infrastructure means any stormwater management technique or practice employed with the primary goal to preserve, restore, mimic, or enhance natural hydrology. Green Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, methods of using soil and vegetation to promote soil percolation, evapotranspiration, and filtering or the harvesting and reuse of precipitation.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), localized and riverine flooding will likely become more frequent. Localized flooding happens when rainfall overwhelms the capacity of the drainage systems, while riverine flooding happens when river flows exceed the capacity of a river channel.

By reducing stormwater runoff, detaining water away from impacted areas, and reconnecting streams to their floodplains, GIGO can help reduce the number and duration of both localized and riverine flood events.

Eligible GIGO projects, through the construction of BMPs, will decrease stormwater runoff prior to release into rivers, streams, and lakes, and include:

1. reconnection of a stream with its floodplain (e.g., two-stage ditch, daylighting);
2. flow control of stormwater runoff at sites directly upstream or downstream of an impervious area that currently impacts rivers, streams, or lakes through stormwater runoff discharge; and/or
3. flow control of water generated from impervious surfaces associated with existing urban land use (such as roads and buildings).

Examples of Project Types/BMPs that may be funded through GIGO are provided below. The list is not all-inclusive, and inclusion of a BMP here does not equate to an automatic eligibility for funding under GIGO.

BIOINFILTRATION

o Vegetated practices designed to facilitate the infiltration of stormwater through infiltration media and/or vegetation uptake (e.g., bioretention areas, swales, infiltration basins, and green roofs)

RETENTION/INFILTRATION

o Practices which allow stormwater to infiltrate into underlying soil; (e.g., permeable pavement/pavers (roadway, alleys, and parking lots)); underground infiltration; and retention areas)

DETENTION POND CREATION/RETROFIT

- o Projects which create a new wet detention basin
- o Projects which retrofit an existing dry retention basin into a wet detention basin
- o Projects which modify an existing wet detention basin to increase its stormwater retention capacity (e.g., additional freeboard)

WETLAND CREATION/MODIFICATION

- o Projects which create a wetland to intercept runoff, reduce peak flows, decrease runoff volume to rivers, streams, and lakes
- o Projects which modify an existing wetland (within limits of State and federal law) to improve its stormwater retention capacity

FLOODPLAIN RECONNECTION

- o Projects which reconnect a river, stream, or lake to its floodplain to increase water infiltration through access to larger water retention area and/or for a longer water retention period such as:
 - A two-stage ditch includes a 'floodplain' within its channel design.
 - Daylighting restores an originally open-air watercourse previously diverted below-ground to an above-ground channel

to allow the watercourse to reconnect with its floodplain.
- A levee retrofit allows water access back to a specific area within its floodplain.

WATERSHED-WIDE PROJECTS

o Smaller BMPs (e.g., rain gardens, green walls, trees, tree boxes, infiltration planters, dry wells, pocket wetlands, etc.) and the BMPs listed above that are constructed throughout the watershed. This type of project benefits communities that do not have large tracts of land to convert into green infrastructure.

NOTE - Applicant must describe the ranking process used for watershed-wide projects to confirm that the BMP sites proposed address the most critical areas with structural and non-structural practices that, if properly managed, will provide the greatest stormwater runoff control for the longest duration.

RAINWATER HARVESTING

o Projects that capture, divert, and store rainwater for later use (e.g., rain barrels and cisterns)

DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTIONS

o Projects which redirect flow from a roof, currently connected to a sewer system, into a rain barrel or to another area, usually a lawn or rain garden, where it can soak into the ground

BMP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

o Projects including both BMP design and its construction (See Funding Source Description for funding restrictions for design costs.)

Illinois EPA will prioritize and select projects, according to the ranking criteria outlined in the Evaluation and Scoring Section, that are most cost-effective and yield the largest potential for stormwater runoff control. BMPs proven effective to reconnect a waterbody to its floodplain or BMPs proven effective at reducing impacts from stormwater runoff will receive priority. Project match requirements and selection criteria are provided later in this NOFO.

The anticipated start date for approved projects is August 30, 2025. Project length is two years (24 months), unless otherwise approved by Illinois EPA.

Awarding Agency Name	Environmental Protection Agency
Agency Contact Name	Christine Davis
Agency Contact Phone	217-782-3362
Agency Contact Email	christine.davis@illinois.gov

Category Explanation	Illinois EPA's Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities Program provides grant funds for projects that implement green infrastructure practices to prevent, eliminate, or reduce stormwater runoff, resulting in reduced localized and riverine flooding for the protection of Illinois' rivers, streams, and lakes.
Opportunity Manager	Christine Davis
Posted Date	8/27/2024
Announcement Type	Initial Announcement
Funding Opportunity Number	24-2388-01
Public Link	https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/45aeb4c5-055a-4441-aeb8-d49eae66772b
Is Published	Yes

Funding Information

Funding Sources	State
Funding Source Description	<p>GIGO utilizes funds distributed by the State of Illinois generated under the Build Illinois Bond Fund. Illinois EPA expects to award a total of \$5,000,000 and anticipates distributing this amount across two (2) to ten (10) awards. GIGO has a set maximum total grant award of \$2,500,000 with a minimum grant award of \$75,000. No more than 50% of the program total, per funding cycle, shall be allocated to any one applicant or project.</p> <p>GIGO is a reimbursement program. The grantee must perform the work, pay project costs, and submit an invoice with supporting documentation before Illinois EPA will reimburse the grantee for any approved eligible costs. Illinois EPA shall only make reimbursements to the grantee and shall reimburse the grantee no more frequently than monthly.</p> <p>The Illinois EPA may elect to partially fund an application by funding discrete portions or phases of the project scope of work. This could be due to ineligible components identified in the application or inadequate funds available to complete the entire project.</p> <p>Indirect Cost Rate</p>

GIGO is limited to BMP implementation and limited design expenses. GIGO shall not compensate for indirect costs, overhead, equipment purchase, or administrative expenses associated with the execution of the project.

Project Match

GIGO may provide up to 75% of the approved project costs. The remaining 25% is the responsibility of the grantee and constitutes the match. Match may include money spent or in-kind services utilized to complete the approved project tasks. Match can be provided by the grantee, sub-contractor, or project partners (e.g., State programs, private foundations, landowners). A grantee may match greater than 25%.

Proposed projects that benefit an environmental justice (EJ) area may be eligible for up to 85% of GIGO assistance, with the applicant responsible for 15% of the costs as match.

Funding Restrictions

Applicants may apply for more than one project; however, successful applicants shall only receive funding for more than one GIGO application if funds are available after all other successful applicants have been awarded funding. Partial funding may be offered if sufficient funds are not available to fund an entire application.

Design costs, up to \$50,000 or 15% of the total BMP costs, whichever is less, are eligible for grant funds and/or as match. The design costs must be 1) identified in the application budget, 2) incorporated into the grant agreement budget, and 3) incurred within the term of the grant agreement.

Examples of ineligible activities, tasks, and components that shall not be funded through GIGO are provided below. The list is not all-inclusive:

- Land acquisition,
- Construction of BMPs affiliated with new construction and/or new development,
- Removal or demolition of existing structures that are not interfering with proposed project,
- BMP design without BMP construction,
- Stormwater conveyance (exception: short distance to direct stormwater to a GIGO BMP),
- Activities, BMPs, or BMP components that do not control, prevent, or address stormwater runoff to a river, stream, or lake,
- Routine operation and maintenance or repair of existing BMPs (e.g., invasive species removal, culvert

- replacement, street sweeping, catch-basin cleaning),
- Administrative and non-construction labor, equipment and supplies (non-construction), indirect costs, contingency, travel, outreach and education, monitoring,
 - Bonus or acceleration payments to contractors to meet contractual completion dates for construction; fees for failure to pay invoices on time, check overdrafts, etc.,
 - Permit or certification (e.g., 401) fees,
 - Mitigation costs, and/or
 - Projects mainly used for habitat improvement, shoreline/streambank stabilization, channel stabilization, agricultural soil erosion control, sediment removal (dredging) support facilities (roads, sewer systems), historic preservation, water supply protection, recreation, or wastewater treatment. However, if the project serves both eligible and ineligible components, GIGO funds may be provided for the eligible portion of the project, on a proportional basis.

Costs incurred prior to the grant agreement's effective term date or after its term ends are ineligible for reimbursement. Costs incurred prior to the grant agreements' effective date or after its term ends are ineligible as match unless otherwise approved as match by Illinois EPA.

Grantees shall not use any subcontractors, outside associates, or consultants in connection with any services covered by a grant agreement unless specifically authorized by the Illinois EPA. Grantees shall use procurement procedures that reflect applicable local and State of Illinois laws and regulations relating to any sub agreements for the performance of grant projects funded under GIGO.

Funding Restrictions See the Funding Source Description for more Information

Award Information

Award Ceiling	\$2,500,000.00
Award Floor	\$75,000.00
Award Type	Competitive
Indirect Costs Allowed	No
Matching Requirement	Yes

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type	One Time
Submission Open Date	8/27/2024 8:30 AM (CDT)
Submission Close Date	11/20/2024 12:00 PM (CST)
Submission Timeline Additional Information	<p>The Illinois EPA shall not extend the application deadline date. Incomplete applications shall not be considered for funding and preclude the Illinois EPA from making an award to the applicant.</p> <p>Applicants shall be notified if their application was not considered for funding due to an incomplete application.</p>
Allow Multiple Applications	Yes
Other Submission Requirements	<p>The applicant must describe how the project will be implemented and must propose specific, quantifiable units of BMPs to be installed (e.g., 1,000 feet of stream daylighting) to accomplish stormwater runoff control to an Illinois river, stream, or lake. Interim milestones for implementing the BMPs (e.g., design, permitting, reporting) must also be identified along with an associated schedule for the completion of those milestones.</p> <p>The applicant must describe the expected outcomes of the project in terms of stormwater runoff for river, stream, and lake protection. Outcomes such as increased gallons of stormwater retained on-site from the project area are appropriate.</p> <p>A complete GIGO application must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Completed online applicationb) Location maps of project site and flood impacted areasc) Completed online Budget Section including fully detailed narrative sectiond) GIGO Project Details Spreadsheet (downloadable in online application) including stormwater volume and pollutant load reduction calculationse) Support Documentation (as applicable)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designs/drawings• Photos of flooding• Engineers estimate of cost (as available)f) Illinois Works Jobs Program Act Forms (as appropriate) (linked to in online application)

- Illinois Works Jobs Program Act - Apprenticeship Initiative Budget Supplement for Public Works Projects Funded by State Appropriated Capital Funds form or Request for Waiver or Reduction of Public Works Project Apprenticeship Goals form
- g) Grantee Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (downloadable in online application)

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type	Public
Eligible Applicants	Individuals, Small Businesses, Others, Government Organizations, Education Organizations, Public Housing Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations, For-Profit Organizations
Additional Eligibility Information	Applicant Eligibility: GIGO funds are available to any Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Pre-Qualified entity that has legal status to accept funds from the State of Illinois. These may include local watershed groups, land conservancies or trusts, public and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions, units of government (county, municipal, township, or state), universities and colleges, park districts and other local land managing agencies, soil and water conservation districts, and conservation organizations.

Additional Information

Additional Information URL	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/water-financial-assistance/gigo.html
Additional Information URL Description	<p>Additional Information about GIGO can be found on Illinois EPA's GIGO webpage.</p> <p>It may be difficult to complete projects that include BMP design, engineering, permitting, and BMP implementation during a single grant period. Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new grant awards. Contact the Watershed Management Section (217) 782-3362 to discuss application options for long-term projects.</p>

Award Administration Information

State Award Notices The Illinois EPA shall specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the Fiscal and Administrative and Programmatic Risk Assessments.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements The terms and conditions of the award shall be in the grant agreement.

No grantee shall receive a grant or any other State or federal assistance that would provide 100% or more of the eligible project costs.

If the grantee of a GIGO award is at any time offered any State, federal, or local grant or any other funding source, to assist in the payment of expenses for which the GIGO payment has been issued, the recipient shall reimburse the State of Illinois for any GIGO grant funds used to pay expenses or offered to be paid under another grant or funding source.

Each grantee must agree to comply with all applicable State requirements. This includes Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 C.F.R. § 200 and GATA. These can have a significant impact on the costs and complexity of a project. GIGO grantees will be expected to submit signed assurances that they will comply with all State mandates, including:

a) The Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989; 20 ILCS 830/1 In accordance with the Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989, a grantee whose proposed project site is located on or within 250 feet of a wetland site listed on the National Wetlands Inventory will be required to comply with the requirements of this Act. This includes developing a plan to minimize adverse impacts on wetlands or providing written evidence that the proposed project will not have an adverse impact on a wetland. Project must also comply with Federal Wetlands Protection regulations at 24 C.F.R. § 58.5(b)(2), which may require preparation of an Eight-Step Wetlands Review.

b) Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act; 520 ILCS 10/ and the Illinois Natural Area Preservation Act; 525 ILCS 30/ Compliance requires consultation with the Endangered Species Consultation Program of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assure compliance. The consultation process must be implemented to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to State-listed species and their essential habitats that may result from the actions of State and local units of government. Grantees must certify the completion of the consultation process.

c) Illinois Prevailing Wage Act; 820 ILCS 130/1 The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act requires the payment of prevailing wages for all construction funded in whole or in part with State funds, including funds passed through to private firms. Grantees shall comply with

all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act, including but not limited to, inserting into all contracts for construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the project shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the award and requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision guaranteeing the faithful performance of such prevailing wage clause as provided by contract. Grantees will be required to report on Prevailing Wage Act compliance. If your project involves construction and/or equipment installation, go to

<https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/prevailing-wage-act.aspx> for more information.

d) Illinois Works Jobs Program Act; 30 ILCS 559/ Grantees must comply with requirements in the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act. For projects with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative; 30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 559/20-25 and all applicable administrative rules. The “estimated total project cost” is a good faith approximation, at the time an applicant submits a grant application, of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. The goal of the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

e) Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Person with Disabilities Act; 30 ILCS 575/ For grant awards of \$250,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act, which establishes a goal for contracting with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female, or who have disabilities. The grantee must document a plan for compliance prior to the establishment of the grant agreement and ensure compliance through the life of the grant.

f) The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; 40 C.F.R. § 63/ These standards assure that, when existing buildings are demolished and/or renovated, people outside of those buildings (i.e., passers-by or neighborhood

residents) are protected from airborne asbestos. If asbestos materials are involved in the rehabilitation work, the grantee must contact the Field Operations Section, Bureau of Air of the Illinois EPA to ensure compliance with Asbestos NESHAP.

In the grant agreement, the grantee shall be required to:

- Certify that it does and shall comply with all provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 1), the Illinois Income Tax Act; 35 ILCS 5/, and all rules promulgated thereunder, including withholding provisions and timely deposits of employee taxes and unemployment insurance taxes.
- Certify that it does and shall comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; PL 109-282, September 26, 2006, 120 Stat 1186 with respect to federal Awards greater than or equal to \$30,000.
- Certify that it shall adhere to the applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, which are published in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and are incorporated herein by reference. See 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30(b)(1)(A).
- Certify that it and its sub-grantees shall: (i) be registered with the federal SAM if seeking an Award that is partially or fully paid by federal funds and registered with the State equivalent of SAM; (ii) be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; and (iii) have a valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number. It is Grantee's responsibility to remain current with these registrations and requirements. If Grantee's status with regard to any of these requirements change, or the certifications made in and information provided in the Uniform Grant Application changes, Grantee's must notify the Grantor in accordance with ARTICLE XVIII.
- Submit a "GIGO BMP Documentation Form Part I" with designs, maps, and pollutant load calculations for all BMPs, including BMPs installed with matching funds. The designs must be certified by a registered or licensed professional engineer of Illinois. The designs must be approved by the Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water, WMS prior to the start of BMP construction or implementation.
- Secure applicable State and federal permits for all BMPs, including BMPs installed with matching funds, prior to the start of their implementation.
- Develop and submit a 10-year O&M Plan for each of the BMPs installed. This includes BMPs installed with matching funds. O&M Plans must be approved by the Illinois EPA's WMS before BMP implementation and are for a minimum of ten years starting from the completion of the BMP.
- Submit a "GIGO BMP Documentation Form Part II"

with cost documentation and pre- and post BMP photos and/or video of the project site.

- Submit personnel activity reports accounting on an after-the-fact basis for 100% of the employee's actual time, separately indicating the time spent on the GIGO grant, other grants or projects, vacation or sick leave, and administrative time, if applicable.

Reporting Specific reporting requirements will be communicated/outlined within the grant agreement. Quarterly reports shall include a Periodic Financial Report, a Periodic Performance Report, and a Quarterly Narrative.

All projects require a final project report. The grantee shall submit to the Illinois EPA, by the date specified in the grant agreement, a report explaining the execution of the project and evaluating the project's success. The report shall document the project tasks and summarize the findings, costs, and benefits of the project.

State Awarding Agency Contacts If you have any programmatic questions regarding GIGO, this NOFO, or the Application, contact the Illinois EPA's WMS staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
WMS #15
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 782-3362

If you have fiscal and administrative questions regarding the grant application, Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ), or pre-qualifying through the GATA Grantee Portal, contact the Illinois EPA's Fiscal staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: epa.gata@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 785-1724

Other Information Click at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/surface-water/green-infrastructure.html> for additional information about green infrastructure and GIGO.

Illinois EPA has the right to use (including, but not limited to, citing to, circulating, displaying, and reproducing) all products that result from the grantee receiving financial assistance under the grant agreement whether the product is developed

by the grantee or a sub-grantee.

Illinois EPA is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this NOFO.

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Criteria

All GIGO applications shall be reviewed for technical merit, cost effectiveness, and adherence to the competitive grant evaluation criteria described in this NOFO. Applications shall undergo a comprehensive, merit-based review against the following criteria:

- **Justification of Project Need (0 – 30 points):**
 - How far is the proposed project upstream or downstream of riverine or localized flooding?
 - Highest score to projects with 100 % of project site(s) within or directly adjacent to riverine or localized flooding.
 - Lower score to projects with 50 % project site(s) more than 1,000 linear feet from riverine or localized flooding.
 - Lowest score to projects with 50 % project site(s) more than 3,000 linear feet from riverine or localized flooding.
 - How large is the area impacted by riverine or localized flooding?
 - Highest score to applications that document riverine or localized flood area, more than 12" deep and greater than 10 acres in size.
 - Lower score to applications that document riverine or localized flood area, more than 4" deep and greater than 3 acres in size.
 - What percent of the flood impacted area is serviced by storm sewers?
 - Highest score to applications that document flood areas with 100% storm sewer system coverage.
 - Lower score to applications that document flood areas with 50% storm sewer system coverage.
 - How far is the proposed project upstream or downstream of a river, stream or lake?
 - Highest score to projects with 100 % of project site(s) within or directly adjacent to river, stream, or lake.
 - Lower score to projects with 50% project site(s), with storm sewer system coverage, more than 1,000 linear feet from river, stream, or lake.
 - Lower score to projects with 50% project site(s), with storm sewer system coverage, more than 3,000 linear feet from river, stream, or lake, with storm sewer system coverage.

- Lowest score to applications with project site(s), without storm sewer system coverage, more than 1,000 linear feet from river, stream, or lake.
 - How many additional gallons of stormwater will the BMPs retain/detain?
 - This will be compared to all other applications.
 - How long (in days) is the BMP designed to detain the captured stormwater?
 - Highest score to the applications that document the best time to replenish the capacity to detain stormwater while providing a water quality benefit – this could include projects where some BMPs drain more quickly and their capacity to detain water is available sooner than another BMP with a slower draw down.
 - Lower score to applications with BMPs that take longer to replenish the capacity to detain stormwater.
 - Lowest score to applications that do not replenish BMPs ability to detain stormwater on a recurring basis.
 - Are the project BMPs methodologies and location appropriate for addressing and reducing flooding and/or problems resulting from stormwater runoff?
 - Highest score for projects where 100% of the BMPs and their locations are most appropriate to meet the mission of the GIGO NOFO.
 - Lower score for projects where less than 100% of the BMPs and/or their location is most appropriate to meet the mission of the GIGO NOFO.
 - Lower score for projects where an appropriate type of BMP is proposed, but a project location has not yet been determined.
 - What percent of the proposed project BMPs will reconnect the river, stream, or lake to its floodplain?
 - Highest score for projects where 100% of the BMPs are designed to reconnect the river, stream, or lake to its floodplain.
 - Lower score for projects where less than 100% of the BMPs are designed to reconnect the river, stream, or lake to its floodplain.
 - Lowest score for projects that do not reconnect the river, stream, or lake to its floodplain.
- **Likelihood of Project Success (0 – 20 points)**
 - How many BMPs will be implemented?
 - Highest score for single project or single treatment train.
 - Lower score for 2 – 5 projects or treatment trains.
 - Lowest score for more than 6 projects.
 - What percent of project site landowners have confirmed permission to implement the project?
 - Highest score to a project owned 100% by applicant.
 - Lower score for project with multiple landowners that HAVE submitted written confirmation from ALL landowners that they plan to participate.
 - Lower scores for those projects that have partial landowner confirmation.
 - Lowest score for projects without documentation of landowner to participate.
 - What percent of project design(s) is complete?
 - Highest score for project with PE stamped designs 100% complete.
 - Lower score to those with 60 – 90% designs completed.
 - Lower score to applications with only a conceptual design.

- Lowest score to applications that only can provide a narrative of the proposed project.
- What percent of required local, State, and federal permits have been secured?
 - Highest score to a project which has secured all required permits.
 - Lower score to a project that has some, but not all required permits.
 - Lower score to project that has submitted applications for all required permits.
 - Lowest score to projects that can identify what is needed but have not submitted permit application(s).
- What percent of the project can be completed within 24 months?
 - Highest score to a project which can be completed in less than 24 months
 - Lower scores to projects which can be completed in under 30 months.
- **Budget/Cost-effectiveness (0 – 20 points)**
 - What percent of project budget is eligible?
 - Highest score for application with 100% eligible project costs.
 - Lower score for application with less than 100% eligible costs.
 - What percent of the budget line items are properly justified in the AmpliFund project budget narrative?
 - Highest score for relevant explanation of 100% of project costs, including an engineer's estimate of costs.
 - Lower score for partial explanation of less than 100% of project costs, including an engineer's estimate of costs.
 - Lower score for minimal explanation of project costs, including engineer's estimate of costs.
 - Lowest score for partial explanation of less than 100% of project costs.
 - What percent of the eligible match is secure?
 - Highest score to projects that document 100 % of required match is 'available immediately'.
 - Lower score to projects that document that required match is 'pledged'.
 - Lowest score to projects that document that required match is 'applied for'.
 - What is the project's BMP cost/unit?
 - This will be compared to all other applications.
 - What is the project's cost of gallon of stormwater captured?
 - This will be compared to all other applications.
 - How much are the BMP design costs?
 - Highest score to projects that do not have design costs in the project budget.
 - Lower score to projects that are less than \$25,000 or 7.5% of the BMP implementation cost, earmarked for design.
 - Lowest score to projects that have \$50,000, or 15% of the BMP implementation cost, earmarked for design.
- **Sustainability (0 – 10 points)**
 - What percent of the BMPs have a designed lifespan greater than 10 years?
 - Highest score for projects that include 100% of BMPs with lifespan greater than 25 years.

- Lower score for projects that include 50% of BMPs with lifespan greater than 25 years. The percent would be determined not by the number of BMPs, but by their ability to reduce stormwater runoff.
 - Lowest score for projects that do not exceed the required 10-years of O&M.
- Does the applicant propose a relevant and robust operation and maintenance (O&M) plan, including funds to implement said plan and identification of the entity responsible to implement the O&M plan?
 - Highest score to application that outlines the O&M activities necessary for the proposed BMP, source of funding, and responsible entity that has a secured capacity to conduct the required work.
 - Lower score for projects that provide brief description of required O&M activities, source of funds, and responsible entity.
 - Lowest score for minimal detail on activities, funding source, and responsible entity.
- **Infrastructure Plan Integration (0 – 10 points)**
 - Does the application document a local effort to coordinate green infrastructure planning with other infrastructure planning such as local ordinances or other BMP implementation efforts?
 - Highest score goes to application that documents that the GIGO BMP is part of a larger layered effort (ordinances, planning, BMP implementation) to reduce stormwater runoff for flood reduction.
 - Lower score for applications that link the project to other BMP implementation
 - Lowest score for applications that document the GIGO project as the only work happening within their jurisdiction.
- **Environmental Justice (0 – 10 points)**
 - What percent of the flooded area to be protected by project is located within an Environmental Justice area?
 - Highest score goes to applications where 100% of the flood reduction is realized within an Environmental Justice area.
 - Lower score goes to applications where 50% of the flood reduction is realized within an Environmental Justice area.
 - Lowest score goes to applications where 25% of the flood reduction is realized within an Environmental Justice area.

Review and Selection Process

The complete applications shall be reviewed by an Evaluation Panel that is composed of Illinois EPA staff.

Application scores shall be calculated as follows:

1. Applications will be ranked based on the sum of the scoring criteria.
2. Applications will be ranked highest to lowest based on total project score.
3. Applications with the highest scores will be considered for an award.

Additional review and selection processes are provided below.

- If the amount of available grant funding is not sufficient to fund a higher-ranked application in its entirety, the Illinois EPA shall review the application to determine if a discrete portion or phase of the project meeting the mission of this NOFO can be funded. If the Evaluation Panel determines that it cannot fund the application in full or part, the next highest-ranked application will be reviewed for a discrete portion or phase to be funded to meet the mission of the NOFO or the funds may not be awarded and may be made available through a subsequent NOFO.
- If the Illinois EPA determines that an applicant incorrectly calculated or indicated the project cost, match, and/or total funding request based on the applicable cost estimate, required match, or eligible costs, the application shall still be accepted and reviewed. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Illinois EPA shall contact the applicant and request a decision from the applicant as to whether it will accept the award based on the Illinois EPA's determination of the project cost, applicant match, and/or total funding requested. If the applicant does not accept the Illinois EPA's determination, the application shall not be funded.

Appeal Process

An appeal process is available to applicants and other interested parties, however, appeals are limited to the Illinois EPA evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the following address: Illinois EPA, Attn: GIGO, Bureau of Water, Mail Code #15, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 and must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published by the Illinois EPA on Grants.Illinois.gov. The written appeal shall include, at a minimum, the following: the name and address of the appealing party, identification of the grant, and a statement of reasons for the appeal. Illinois EPA shall acknowledge receipt of an appeal within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the appeal was received.

When an appeal is received, the execution of all remaining grant agreements that Illinois EPA intends to make under this NOFO shall be stayed until the appeal is resolved, unless the Illinois EPA determines the needs of the State require moving forward with execution of the remaining grant agreements. The State need determination and rationale shall be documented in writing.

Illinois EPA shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required. The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by Illinois EPA within the time period set in the request. The Director of the Illinois EPA may appoint one or more Appeal Review Officers (ARO) to consider the grant-related appeal and make a recommendation to the Director of the Illinois EPA or designee for resolution. The ARO shall make a recommendation to the Director of the Illinois EPA or designee as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information. In determining the appropriate recommendation, the ARO shall consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation on the Illinois EPA. The Illinois EPA shall resolve the appeal by means of written determination, which shall include, but not be limited to: review of the appeal, appeal determination, and rationale for the determination.

Anticipated Announcement Dates

Action by Illinois EPA

Target Dates

Notify unsuccessful applicants that their application was not selected for funding.

January 15, 2025

Notify selected applicants of potential award	February 15, 2025
Send a Grant Agreement to the selected applicant for signature.	June 30, 2025
Provide a fully executed Grant Agreement to the grantee.	August 30, 2025

Following a decision of intent to award, the Illinois EPA is required by GATA to conduct a programmatic risk assessment of the applicant. The applicant is required to complete a fiscal and administrative risk assessment. Additional information may be required at that time from the successful applicant. To remain eligible for the award, the applicant must provide the requested information within the time specified by the Illinois EPA. The Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment Questionnaire is available on the GATA Portal. Illinois EPA will conduct the Programmatic Risk Assessment evaluating the applicant's ability to carry out the terms of GIGO.

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Project Information

Application Information

Application Name

Award Requested

Cash Match Requirement
\$0.00

Cash Match Contributions
\$0.00

In-Kind Match Requirement
\$0.00

In-Kind Match Contributions
\$0.00

Other Funding Requirement
\$0.00

Other Funding Contributions
\$0.00

Total Award Budget
\$0.00

Primary Contact Information

Name

Email Address

Address

Phone Number

Project Description

1. Uniform Grant Application:

Applicant Completed Section

Legal Name (Name used for Unique Entity Registration (UEI) and grantee pre-qualification)

Common Name (DBA)

Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN,TIN)

Organizational UEI Number

Organizational DUNS Number

GATA ID (assigned through the grantee portal)

SAM Cage Code

Applicant's Organizational Unit

Department Name

Division Name

Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Program Matters involving this Application

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Title

Organizational Affiliation

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Business/Administrative Office Matters involving this Application

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Title

Organizational Affiliation

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person Authorized to Sign Agreement for Grantee

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Title

Organizational Affiliation

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Areas Affected

Are areas affected by the project?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please list the areas affected by the Project (cities, counties, state-wide)

Add Attachments (e.g., maps)

Legislative and Congressional Districts of Applicant

Legislative and Congressional Districts of Program/Project

Attach an additional list, if necessary

Applicant's Project

Description Title of Applicant's Project

Proposed Project Term Start Date

Proposed Project Term End Date

Applicant Certification

By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

(*)The list of certification and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list is contained in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. If a NOFO was not required for the award, the state agency will specify

required assurances and certifications as an addendum to the application.

Applicant Certification

☐ I Agree

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2. Project Description

Project Overview

The implemented project will control stormwater runoff that causes:

- ☐ Localized Flooding
- ☐ Riverine Flooding
- ☐ It addresses Localized AND Riverine flooding
- ☐ There is no existing flooding

Identify the type of project proposed

- ☐ Single Site/Single BMP
- ☐ Single Site/Single Treatment Train Project
- ☐ Multiple Sites or Watershed-wide/Single or Multiple BMP and/or Treatment Train
- ☐ Other

Describe Other

Estimate (in acres) the flooded localized or riverine area that will be positively impacted by this project: See below for tool to help calculate area

How far is the BMP from a river, lake, or stream?

- ☐ 500 feet
- ☐ 501 - 1000 feet
- ☐ 1001 - 3500 feet
- ☐ Over 3501 feet

The USGS Streamstat interactive map is a great tool to calculate watershed size.

<https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/water-resources/science/streamstats-streamflow-statistics-and-spatial-analysis-tools>

Project Length (in months)

Proposed Project: In at least 3-4 sentences, describe the proposed project, Identify all major green infrastructure components, including BMP techniques to be implemented. Include information if the project retrofits an existing practice.

Existing Conditions: In at least 3-4 sentences, describe the existing site conditions and surrounding area, not limited to land use, percent of impervious cover, type of sewer service in the area.

Flooding: In at least 3-4 sentences, describe the localized or riverine flooding that is occurring. Estimate the size of the flooded area in acres and depth, frequency of flooding, etc. Provide documentation (pictures, maps) as an attachment.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M): In at least 3-4 sentences, describe the operation and maintenance activities that will be implemented for the proposed BMPs for a length of time no less than 10 years. Identify the parties responsible and the source of funds to be used to implement the O&M.

Relationship to other green infrastructure activities (e.g., is this part of a larger project or supported by local zoning)

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3. Project Overview

Project

How large is the area impacted by riverine or localized flooding?

What portions of this area will benefit from this project and how?

How far is the proposed project upstream or downstream of riverine or localized flooding?

What percent of the flood impacted area is serviced by storm sewers?

0.00%

How far is the proposed project upstream or downstream of a river, stream or lake?

What is the increased volume (in gallons) of stormwater retained/detained resulting from the BMPs?

0.00

How long (in days) is the BMP designed to detain the captured stormwater?

0

What percent of the proposed project BMPs will reconnect the river, stream, or lake to its floodplain?

0.00%

Project Details

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Is the project located in, or provides stormwater management or water quality benefit for an Environmental Justice Area?

Select an item... ▼

Information on Environmental Justice and Illinois EPA is found at the following link:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/environmental-justice/Pages/default.aspx>

Maps identifying potential Environmental Justice areas is found at the following link:

<https://illinois-epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f154845da68a4a3f837cd3b880b0233c>

What percent of the flooded area to be protected by project is located within an Environmental Justice area?

0.00%

Describe the location of the Environmental Justice area where the project will take place or how the project provides stormwater management or water quality benefit to Environmental Justice Area.

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The design/engineering approval of the BMPs will be completed by the following:

Description of "Other" design/engineering approval

Have specific BMPs, including type, units, and specific location (known latitude-longitude center point) been identified?

Select an item... ▼

Have all landowners of the site(s) been identified?

Select an item... ▼

Have all landowners agreed to allow construction on their property?

Select an item... ▼

Please describe the status of landowner engagement and willingness to participate in the project.

Do you have documentation of approval from all landowners where the proposed project is located

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Applicant owns property

Please upload copies of written approval from landowners.

Optional additional narrative describing the project

Upload a copy of a map showing proposed project location and the flooded area that benefits from the project.

Upload an engineer's estimate of costs, or comparable document describing BMP costs, as available, to supplement the budget narrative.

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Will permits be required for the project(s)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please describe any permits that will be required to construct the BMP(s)

Project Background and History

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Relationship to other green infrastructure activities implemented by the applicant or partner(e.g., is this part of a larger project or supported by local zoning) (1800 character maximum.)

Additional Project Details Spreadsheet

The application requires completion of relevant worksheets in the following spreadsheet. There are instructions are found below and within the spreadsheet file to guide you regarding which worksheets should be completed. When you complete the worksheet, save it as an Excel file with an appropriate identifying name and upload it below. It should be completed while filling out the online application.

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Download the Excel spreadsheet file here

[GIGO Additional Details \(FY 25 v14\).xlsx](#)

Upload the completed Excel spreadsheet with information required for your project.

Did you upload the Additional Project Details spreadsheet?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have additional support documents to upload as part of the application package?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

All application must include a map of the project location. Please ensure that a map is in the application package.

Do NOT upload individual image files. If you have photographs, place them in a Word or PDF document with descriptions of the photographs.

Please upload additional support documentation here:

4. Organizational Information and Budget Background and Instructions

Remember to periodically save your work while filling out the application.

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Organizational Information

What is your ORGANIZATION'S total budget for the current fiscal year?

\$0.00

Describe any recent significant organizational staffing changes (NA if not applicable)

Budget

The proposed budget must detail all expenses the organization seeks to cover with the anticipated grant and match funding.

Include budget narrative that describes all costs within the pop up forms for each line item.

Projects costs are limited to those incurred only during the grant agreement period

Closely follow the instructions and pay special attention to cost eligibility and expenses that may not be covered by the grant or match.

Budgeted items must be cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities.

The budget narrative should describe (as appropriate)

- "Who" does "What" within the budget category or
- What supplies or services are being purchased within the budget category.

Eligible budget categories for GIGO funding include:

- Personnel (for design and construction activities only)
- Fringe benefits (for design and construction activities only)
- Equipment
- Supplies (for construction activities only)
- Contractual Services
- Consultant (professional services)
- Construction
- Other or Miscellaneous Costs

Please note that in filling out the budget, the base for fringe match costs must equal the requested personnel costs.

Tips for filling out the budget form

The budget form includes line items that allow you to document how the budgeted amounts were calculated.

Click on the "+" to add individual line items for each selected budget category. Follow the instructions within the pop up forms.

This form requires the applicant to identify costs as either grant or match line items.

- For grant funded items, select "No" for the "Non-grant funded" field.
- For match funded items, select "Yes" for the "Non-grant funded" field. When you select "Yes", "Cash Match" and "In-Kind Match" input boxes will become visible.

Additional Forms

Grantees must comply with requirements in the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act. For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative; 30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 559/20-25 and all applicable administrative rules. The “estimated total project cost” is a good faith approximation, at the time an applicant submits a grant application, of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. The goal of the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

Do the total project costs (including match) equal or exceed \$500,000?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If total project costs (including match) equal or exceed \$500,000, you should include either the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act Apprenticeship Initiative Budget Supplement Form or the Request for Waiver or Reduction of Public Works Project Form found at this link:

<https://dceo.illinois.gov/illinoisworks/apprenticeship.html>

Please determine which of the two Illinois Works Apprenticeship forms to fill out (the Budget Supplement or the Waiver Form), complete it and upload it here:

Did you complete and upload the appropriate Illinois Works Apprenticeship Form?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Conflict of Interest

Grantees must immediately disclose in writing to the Program Administrator any actual or potential conflict of interest as soon as it becomes known, in accordance with 30 ILCS 708/35, 30 ILCS 708/60(a)(5), 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.330(f) and the grant agreement. This disclosure must be submitted for the Grantee and all sub-recipients or pass-through entities, whenever an actual or potential conflict may exist.

Continuing Obligation. The Grantee has a continuing obligation to disclose financial or other interests (public, private, direct or indirect) that may be a potential conflict of interest, or which could prohibit Grantee from entering or continuing the programs for which the grant is intended.

Grantee Form Submission: This form must be completed, signed, and returned for any State or federal grant funds awarded to the Grantee by the Agency. For conflicts that exist at the time of grant application submission, submit this form with your grant application materials. If no actual or potential conflicts exists, the grantee should indicate “no conflicts.” For conflicts that arise after application submission, submit this form to your designated grant program point of contact within 7 calendar days after the conflict has been identified.

Download and complete the IL-444-5205 Grantee Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
[IL444-5205.pdf](#)

Upload the completed IL444-5205 Grantee Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

Budget

Proposed Budget Summary

Expense Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Construction			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities) (2 CFR 200.465)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10. Research and Development (R&D) (2 CFR 200.87)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11. Telecommunications			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Revenue Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Grant Funding			
Award Requested	\$0.00		\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00		\$0.00
Non-Grant Funding			
Cash Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
In-Kind Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funding and Contributions		\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Proposed Budget Detail

Proposed Budget Narrative

1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)

List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project and length of time working on the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Personnel cannot exceed 100% of their time on all active projects.

2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)

Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed in category (1) direct salaries and wages, and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project.

3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)

For training projects, show the number of trainees and unit cost involved. Travel and meals for trainees should be listed separately. NOTE: Dollars requested in the travel category should be for staff travel only. Travel for consultants should be shown in the Consultant category along with the consultant’s fee. Travel for training participants, advisory committees, review panels and etc., should be itemized the same way as indicated above and placed in the Miscellaneous category.

4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439)

Equipment is defined as an article of tangible personal property that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. An applicant organization may classify equipment at a lower dollar value but cannot classify it higher than \$5,000. (Note: Organization's own capitalization policy for classification of equipment can be used). Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Rented or leased equipment costs should be listed in the Contractual Services category.

5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)

List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92)

Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole contracts in excess of \$150,000 (See 2 CFR 200.88). NOTE : this budget category may include subawards. Provide separate budgets for each subaward or contract, regardless of the dollar value and indicate the basis for the cost estimates in the narrative. Describe products or services to be obtained and indicate the applicability or necessity of each to the project.

Please also note the differences between subaward, contract, and contractor (vendor):

- 1) Subaward (200.92) means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a sub-recipient for the sub-recipient to carry out part of a Federal/State award, including a portion of the scope of work or objectives. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal/State program.
- 2) Contract (200.22) means a legal instrument by which a non-Federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a Federal award. The term as used in this part does not include a legal instrument, even if the non-Federal entity considers it a contract, when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a Federal award or subaward.
- 3) "Vendor" or "Contractor" is generally a dealer, distributor or other seller that provides supplies, expendable materials, or data processing services in support of the project activities.

7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)

Consultant Services (Fees):

For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project.

Consultant Expenses:

List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (i.e., travel, meals, lodging, etc.)

8. Construction

Provide a description of the construction project and an estimate of the costs. As a rule, construction costs are not allowable unless with prior written approval. In some cases, minor repairs or renovations may be allowable. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category. Estimated construction costs must be supported by documentation including drawings and estimates, formal bids, etc. As with all other costs, follow the specific requirements of the program, the terms and conditions of the award, and applicable regulations.

9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities) (2 CFR 200.465)

List items and descriptions by major type and the basis of the computation. NOTE: This budgetary line item is to be used for direct program rent and utilities, all other indirect or administrative occupancy costs should be listed in the indirect expense section of the Budget worksheet and narrative. Maintenance and repair costs may be included here if directly allocated to program.

10. Research and Development (R&D) (2 CFR 200.87)

All research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category.

11. Telecommunications

List items and descriptions by major type and the basis of the computation. NOTE: This budgetary line item is to be used for direct program telecommunications, all other indirect or administrative telecommunication costs should be listed in the indirect expense section of the Budget worksheet and narrative.

12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)

Describe the training and education cost associated with employee development. Include rental space for training (if required), training materials, speaker fees, substitute teacher fees, and any other applicable expenses related to the training. When training materials (pamphlets, notebooks, videos, and other various handouts) are ordered for specific training activities, these items should be itemized below.

13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))

The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect (F&A) costs. Direct charging of these costs may be appropriate only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) Administrative or clerical services are integral to a project or activity; (2) Individuals involved can be specifically identified with the project or activity; (3) Such costs are explicitly included in the budget or have the prior written approval of the State awarding agency; and (4) The costs are not also recovered as indirect costs.

14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs

This category contains items not included in the previous categories. List items by type of material or nature of expense, break down costs by quantity and cost per unit if applicable, state the necessity of other costs for successful completion of the project and exclude unallowable costs (e.g.. Printing, Memberships & subscriptions, recruiting costs, etc.)

Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)

The applicable indirect cost rate(s) negotiated by the organization with the cognizant negotiating agency must be used in computing indirect costs (F&A) for a program budget. The amount for indirect costs should be calculated by applying the current negotiated indirect cost rate(s) to the approved base(s).

GIGO Implementation Application Workbook Instructions

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Jeff Edstrom at jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362.

Getting Started

- 1- *First enter the applicant and project names above. These will be automatically filled in the appropriate locations throughout the workbook. Then, complete the worksheets with information relevant to your project. You can navigate among the worksheets by clicking on the buttons at the top of each worksheet. Instructions are found below and at the top of each worksheet*
- 2- **Watersheds**
Applicants must list specific watersheds related to the proposed project (up to 10) fill out the "Watersheds" worksheet
Identify all 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Code(s) (HUC) where the BMPs are to be installed.

Information to help you identify the HUC can be found at [IEPA Integrated Report GIS Tool](#)
- 3- **Specific Best Management Practice**
All applicants must fill out the "Specific BMP" worksheet.
List BMP types to be installed – Enter all of the BMPs to be implemented, numbers of sites, the total number of units, the relevant estimated volume retained, pollutant load reductions, and the total construction costs. Continue on the table below (your chosen BMPs will automatically populate in the lower table and choose the permit status, permit number (if applicable), Permit Program Name, and Permitting Authority.

Use the PLET Model to Calculate the Pollutant Load Reductions (Pollutant Load Estimation Tool), and the Green Values Stormwater Management Calculator or the National Stormwater Calculator to calculate stormwater retention or detention:

[Pollutant Load Estimation Tool \(PLET\) | US EPA](#)
[Green Values Stormwater Management Calculator \(cnt.org\)](#)
[National Stormwater Calculator | US EPA](#)
- 4- **Project Partners**
All applicants must identify any partners for the proposed project. If there are no partners, please enter "Not applicable" in the first column.

Please enter information on project partners, their general tasks and responsibilities and expertise related to the proposed project.
- 5- **Match Funding**
All applicants must fill out the Match Funding section.

GIGO may provide up to 75% of the approved project costs. The remaining 25% is the responsibility of the grantee and constitutes the match. Match may include money spent or in-kind services utilized to complete the approved project tasks. Match can be provided by the grantee, sub-contractor, or project partners (e.g., State programs, private foundations, landowners). A grantee may match greater than 25%.

Proposed projects that benefit an Environmental Justice Area may be eligible for up to 85% of GIGO assistance, with the applicant responsible for 15% of the costs as match.

Please note that cash and in-kind services incurred as match must occur during the agreement period with Illinois EPA.
- 6- **Scope of Work**
All applicants must fill out the "Scope of Work" worksheet
List all tasks (including items not included in the budget) needed to implement the project and the entities responsible for

these tasks. Type an "X" into the cells corresponding to the quarters during which work will be done on that task. This fills in the cell. To delete filled cell, simply hit "delete" button in that cell.

In some circumstances, applicants can request 30 months to complete a project rather than 24. IEPA will approve on a case-by-case basis.

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Budget Summary

All applicants must fill out the "Budget Summary" worksheet

Upon completion of the budget in the AmpliFund online system, enter the totals for each category to the spaces in the budget. Verify the total costs. Indicate the amount of State (GIGO) requested funds and the amount of non-State (match) funds that will support the project. Please note that the darkened categories in the table are ineligible for GIGO funding.

Watersheds

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

Applicants must list specific watersheds related to the proposed project (up to 10) fill out the "Watersheds" worksheet

Identify all 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Code(s) (HUC) where the BMPs are to be installed.

Information to help you identify the HUC can be found at

IEPA Integrated Report GIS Tool

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Specific BMPs

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

Applicants should fill out the "Specific BMP" worksheet if there is/are known locations for the project(s).

List BMP types to be installed – Enter all of the BMPs to be implemented, numbers of sites, the total number of units, the relevant estimated volume retained, pollutant load reductions, and the total construction costs. Continue on the table below (your chosen BMPs will automatically populate in the lower table and choose the permit status, permit number (if applicable), Permit Program Name, and Permitting Authority. The Pollutant Load Reductions can be calculated using the Region 5 Model for Estimating Pollutant Load Reductions. If the BMP type is NOT listed in the dropdown, you may type it in to the table. Please fill out as thoroughly as possible as the information provided determines your ranking for funding.

Information related to AUIDs, HUCs and Waterbody [IEPA - 2020/2022 Integrated Report Web App](#)

Indicate the tools/sources used to calculate the values below

- ☐ [Pollutant Load Estimation Tool \(PLET\) | US EPA](#)
☐ [Green Values Stormwater Management Calculator \(cnt.org\)](#)
☐ [National Stormwater Calculator | US EPA](#)

BMP types to be installed – Enter a summary of all of the BMPs to be implemented. Continue information for BMPs on tables following. Follow on the same numbered line. The "BMP Type" will be automatically entered on subsequent tables.

BMP Type	Location (in decimal)		12 Digit HUC	Waterbody AUID	Waterbody Name	Designed Lifespan (Years)	Number of Units (use units from "BMP Type" Column)	Unit Cost	Total BMP Construction Costs	Design Costs Requested (if applicable)	Percent Design
	Latitude	Longitude									
									\$0.00		
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Continue from table above

BMP Type (Continued from above)	BMP Size Units	Cost per Unit	Area Impacted by BMP in Acres	Cost per Acre	New Additional Volume Resulting from BMP* (Gallons)	Cost per Gallon	Pollutant Load Reductions					
							P (lbs/yr)	Cost per pound (P)	N (lbs/yr)	Cost per pound (N)	Sediment (tons/yr)	Cost per ton (Sediment)
	0		0		-		-		-		-	

* New additional volume resulting from the BMP is the new volume retained from a new or expanded BMP, e.g., if a detention area is increased, only the new additional volume retained is counted, Do not include existing retention volume

Project Partners

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

All applicants must identify any partners for the proposed project. If there are no partners, please enter "Not applicable" in the first column.

Please enter information on project partners, their general tasks and responsibilities and expertise related to the proposed project.

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Match Funding

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

All applicants must fill out the Match Funding section.

GIGO may provide up to 75% of the approved project costs. The remaining 25% is the responsibility of the grantee and constitutes the match. Match may include money spent or in-kind services utilized to complete the approved project tasks. Match can be provided by the grantee, sub-contractor, or project partners (e.g., State programs, private foundations, landowners). A grantee may match greater than 25%.

Proposed projects benefitting an Environmental Justice Area area may be eligible for up to 85% of GIGO assistance, with the applicant responsible for 15% of the costs as match.

Please note that cash and in-kind services incurred as match must occur during the agreement period with Illinois EPA.

Organization	Amount	Cash or In-Kind	Match Status	Notes
Total	\$ -	See Budget Summary worksheet for Total Match Amount required		

Scope of Work

Applicant Name:

Project Name: _____

All applicants should fill out the "Scope of Work" worksheet

List all tasks (including items not included in the budget) needed to implement the project and the entities responsible for these tasks. Type an "X" into the cells corresponding to the quarters during which work will be done on that task. This fills in the cell. To delete filled cell, simply hit "delete" button in that cell.

In some circumstances, applicants can request 30 months to complete a project rather than 24. IEPA will approve on a case-by-case basis.

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Budget Summary

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

All applicants should fill out the "Budget Summary" worksheet

When you have completed the budget in the online system, transfer the totals for each category to the spaces below. Verify the total costs and the total project costs. Indicate the amount of State requested funds and the amount of non-State funds that will support the project. Please note that the darkened categories in the table below are ineligible for GIGO funding

Match requirements are based on whether a project benefits and Environmental Justice Area. GIGO may provide up to 75% of the approved project costs, except for those applicants that propose projects that benefit an Environmental Justice Area which may be eligible for up to 85% GIGO assistance.

Grantees must comply with requirements in the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act. For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative; 30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 559/20-25 and all applicable administrative rules. The "estimated total project cost" is a good faith approximation, at the time an applicant submits a grant application, of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. The goal of the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

Budget Category (Design and Construction Only)	Grant Funded (GIGO Funded)	Non-Grant Funded (Match Funded)	Total	% Grant Funded
1. Personnel			\$ -	
2. Fringe Benefits			\$ -	
3. Travel			\$ -	
4. Equipment			\$ -	
5. Supplies			\$ -	
6. Contractual Services			\$ -	
7. Consultant			\$ -	
8. Construction			\$ -	
9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities)			\$ -	
10. Research and Development (R & D)			\$ -	
11. Telecommunications			\$ -	
12. Training and Education			\$ -	
13. Direct Administrative Costs			\$ -	
14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs			\$ -	
15. Indirect Costs			\$ -	
Grant Funded (GIGO Funded)	\$ -			
Non-Grant Funded (Match Funded)		\$ -		
Total Project Costs			\$ -	