

# NYC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM KEY TERMS

**Applicant-** the person or entity completing, preparing and/or submitting the Program application, in some cases on behalf of the potential Grantee.

**Assignment of Payment Agreement-** agreement between the Grantee and a third-party contractor where the Grantee assigns payment to the contractor who will invoice DEP directly for all approved costs associated with the green roof installation. Inserted as Appendix G of the Funding Agreement.

**Co-Benefits-** additional environmental and social benefits of green roof systems including but not limited to: the development of native wildlife habitat, pollution remediation, energy reduction, community education, community involvement/stewardship, public access to green space, food production, and workforce development.

**Conditional Acceptance-** preliminary acceptance into the Program after a project has been reviewed by the Department and the Department has determined that the project meets initial eligibility criteria. This initiates the design review process.

**Declaration of Restrictive Covenant-** a legal document recorded against the property by the Grantee through the Department of Finance that outlines the legal requirements for maintaining and preserving the project over the 20 year term.

**Department-** the Department of Environmental Protection, the City agency responsible for administering the Green Infrastructure Grant Program.

**Feasible Project-** a project that can be successfully constructed and effectively meet all Program deadlines. Determined by the design, stormwater calculations, drawings, schematics, maps, structural analyses, timeline, and project team's expertise.

**Funding Agreement-** primary contract between the City of New York and the Grantee for the green roof project.

**Grant-** funds awarded by the Department to a Grantee under the Program, which becomes effective and binding when the Funding Agreement has been fully executed and registered with the City Comptroller.

**Grantee-** the owner of the real property on which the Project will be built, including all parties having an ownership interest in the property.

**Green Roof-** a planted system installed over a roof designed in accordance with this guide and constructed by the Grantee to manage stormwater runoff during a rain event.

**Notice to Proceed (NTP)-** the official memo issued by DEP to the Grantee that allows construction and invoicing to begin.

**Private Property-** real property not owned by the City and located within the limits of the five (5) boroughs of the City of New York.

**Program-** the Department's Green Infrastructure Grant Program that facilitates green roof retrofits on private property.

**Project-** the green roof(s) to be installed on the Grantee's property with funding provided by a Grant awarded by the Department.

**Retrofit:** The implementation of a Project on an existing building.

**Replicable Project-** a standard design with proven success that can easily be replicated on various types of buildings throughout the City.

# DEP GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

New York City Department of Environmental Protection offers grant funding for private property owners in New York City to retrofit their buildings with green roofs through the Green Infrastructure Grant Program (Program). Green roofs are vegetated systems built on roof tops, designed to capture and manage stormwater runoff before it enters the storm sewer system. These projects help reduce stress on the City's sewer system and work to alleviate flooding, combined sewer overflows, and non-point source pollution. In addition to water quality benefits, green roofs also provide co-benefits that help reduce energy consumption and promote public health. Grant funding for green roof projects is determined based on green roof area and soil depth following the Green Roof Reimbursement Schedule in Table 1. All green roof designs must meet the below required green roof components, follow the Green Roof Reimbursement Schedule, and meet the eligibility considerations below.

### Types of Green Roof Systems

Green roofs are built to fit the needs of the building and property owner. These systems vary greatly in size, design, and materials; however, in general there are two main types of green roof systems.

**Intensive Green Roofs-** Intensive green roofs are systems that have thicker soils, capable of supporting a wide variety of plant material.

**Extensive Green Roofs-** Extensive green roofs have a thinner soil layer and are only capable of supporting minimal vegetation, such as sedums. These systems are typically the most cost effective in regards to stormwater management.



### Required Green Roof Components

A green roof must have all of the five (5) material layers listed below and displayed in Figure 1. Green roofs come in many sizes, shapes, and configurations. If the function of these layers is met in a unconventional manner, the grantee should provide an explanation included in the project application. Unconventional systems will be reviewed on a case by case basis and are subject to the same requirements outlined in the reimbursement schedule (Table 1).

**Vegetation-** as the main cover of the green roof system, vegetation uses stormwater and protects the growing media from erosion and desiccation.

**Growing Media-** supports plant growth and retains stormwater runoff.

**Filter Fabric-** prevents growing media from eroding and clogging the drainage layer.

**Drainage Layer-** conveys excess stormwater runoff to roof drains. May contain detention devices to increase storage capacity. Additional storage should be included in stormwater calculations, but will not effect the maximum reimbursement rate outlined in Table 1.

**Root Barrier-** sometimes doubling as a roof waterproofing membrane, this layer serves to protect the roof structure from root and water damage.



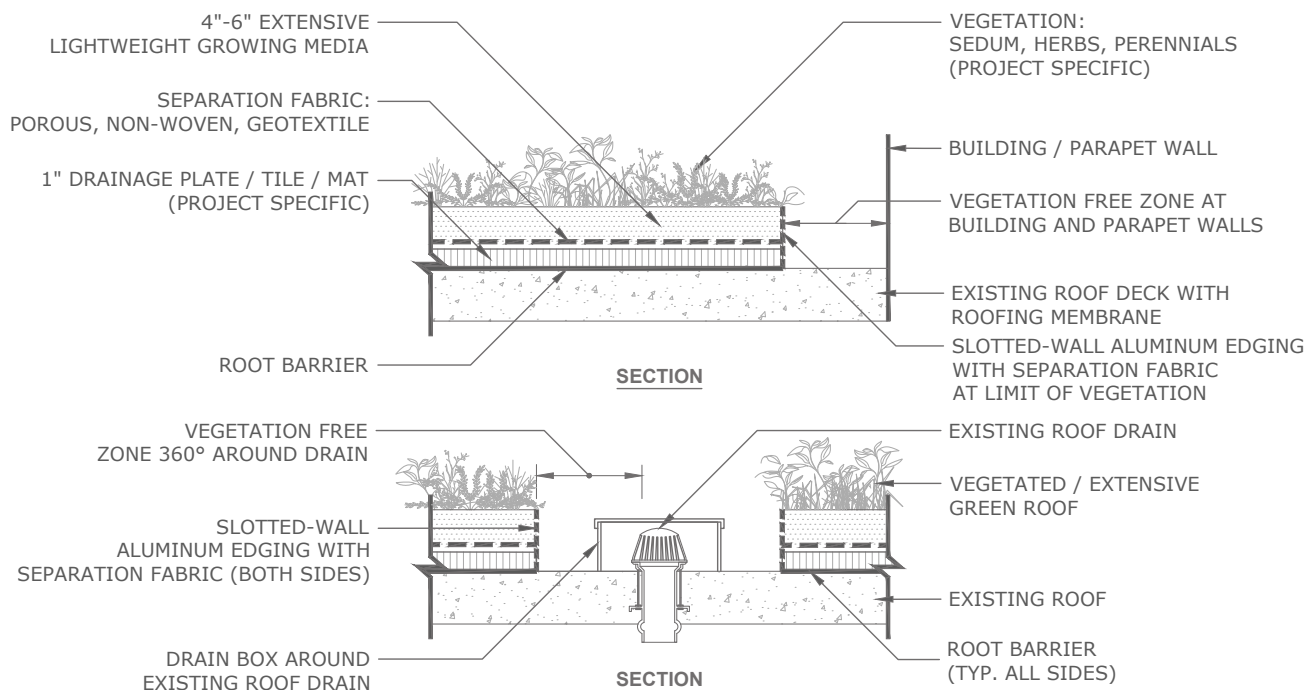


FIGURE 1: TYPICAL EXTENSIVE GREEN ROOF DETAIL

**Eligibility** Project must be on private property, a green roof retrofit and at least 3,500 SF.

### Green Roof Reimbursement Schedule

All green roof applications are subject to the application process and eligibility requirements outlined in this guide. Through research and development, DEP has developed a maximum reimbursement schedule for green roofs (Table 1) listed below. This reimbursement schedule uses two sets of criteria, soil depth and Green Roof Area (GRA), to determine the maximum allowable reimbursement for green roof projects. Projects below the minimum criteria 1.5" soil depth and 3,500 SF GRA, will not be considered eligible for the Program.

TABLE 1: MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR GREEN ROOF PROJECTS BY SOIL DEPTH AND GREEN ROOF AREA (GRA)

Soil Depth (in)	GRA $\geq$ 3,500 (SF)
1.5 - 1.99	\$15
2.0 - 2.99	\$20
3.0 - 3.99	\$35
4.0 +	\$40

### Calculating Green Roof Area (GRA)

The green roof area, to be included in the scope of work, design plans, stormwater calculations, and estimate, is defined as any portion of the project containing all required green roof components. This does not include raised planters or green houses. GRA is used to calculate max reimbursement for all green roof projects.

### Defining Soil Depth

The soil depth for all green roofs is equal to the depth of the growing media. This does not include the drainage layer or additional detention devices located beneath the growing media. Soil depth is used to calculate reimbursement for all green roof projects.

# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Only green roof retrofits on private property in New York City are eligible for grant funding through this Program. In addition to meeting the previously described design requirements, all projects must be feasible and replicable (defined on p. 3). The following criteria should be considered when designing green roof projects. These considerations will play an important role in determining the project's feasibility/replicability and, ultimately, acceptance into the Program.

## Sloped Rooftops

Rooftops with minimal slope have the greatest potential for stormwater retention. While some rooftop slope is necessary to ensure positive drainage to the buildings internal or external drainage systems, roof slope should not exceed 2:12.

## Utility and Parapet Setbacks

For the safety of the project, Vegetation Free Zones (VFZs) are recommended around roof perimeters and penetration points for all green roof projects. Special attention should also be given to the use of aggregate, gravel or stone. It is the grantee's responsibility to identify all necessary building code requirements regarding the construction and design of the green roof system.

## Irrigation/Fertilization Practices

Self sustaining vegetation is optimum for green roof projects. Regular irrigation and fertilizer application may be required during the establishment period; however, this should be reduced and/or stopped as the plant material begins to mature. Excessive irrigation and fertilization of green roofs may result in reduced storage capacity for stormwater runoff and leaching of harmful nutrients into local waterways.

## Native/Non-native Plant Material

NYS DEC identifies invasive species as a threat to nearly every aspect of our world and specifically one of the greatest threats to New York's biodiversity. They cause or contribute to:

- Habitat degradation and loss
- The loss of native fish, wildlife and tree species
- The loss of recreational opportunities and income
- Crop damage and diseases in humans and livestock
- Risks to public safety

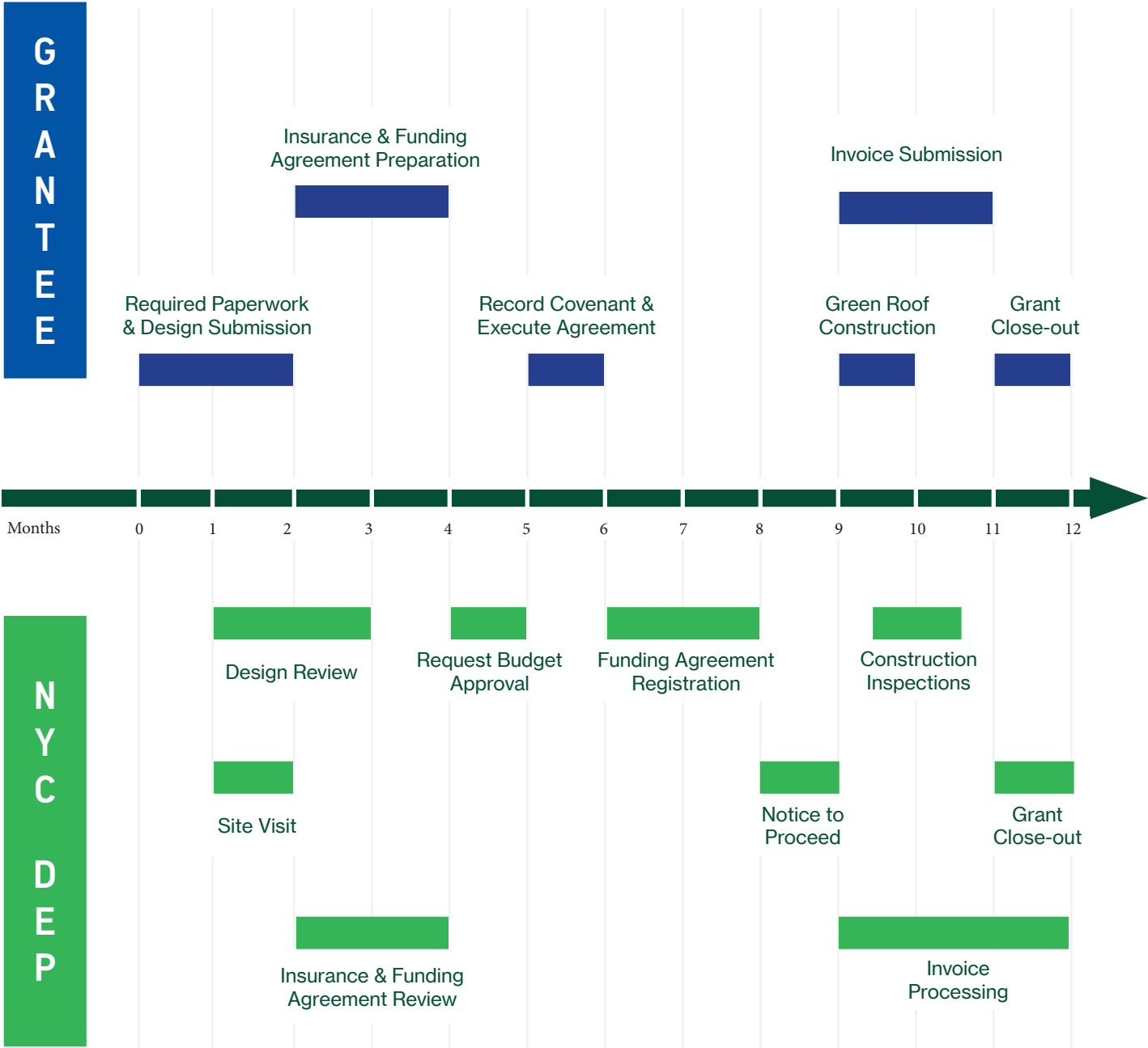
For these reasons, DEP encourages all of its projects to utilize native plant material. It may be necessary for some green roof projects to use non-native species; however, best efforts should be made to avoid the use of invasive species.





# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

The Program timeline varies from project to project. The entire process will take approximately twelve (12) months from Conditional Acceptance through construction , depending upon the responsiveness of the Grantee and their project team. Within this time there are a series of steps that must be taken by both the Grantee and DEP. The Grantee may not proceed to the next step until all prior steps have been taken. The below diagram is to serve as a reference for all applicants and grantees, and is subject to change.









# STEPS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM



Steps	Brief Description
1. Application	Applicants must submit a complete application to the grant email. DEP will complete a site inspection.
2. Grant Acceptance & Paperwork	DEP sends Conditional Acceptance Letter. Grantee signs Grant Acceptance Form, which confirms acceptance of Grant. Within 60 days of acceptance, Grantee submits required paperwork.
3. Design Submittal	Grantee submits full design packet for Substantial and Final designs
4. Insurance	Once Substantial designs are accepted, DEP prompts the Grantee to provide proof of insurance.
5. Funding Agreement	After all previous steps are complete, DEP sends Funding Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant to Grantee for recordation and execution.
6. Construction	DEP sends Notice to Proceed and Grantee commences project construction, invoicing, and reporting. DEP performs necessary site inspections.
7. Grant Completion	The Grantee submits as-built designs, Certification of Completion, and final invoice. DEP sends Final Acceptance Letter.

# 1. SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION

Property owners interested in applying for the Program can submit an application through the online portal (see p. 2 for link). All application instructions are provided on this site. All interested parties are recommended to create a user name and log in to view the application requirements, regardless of whether or not they ultimately submit an application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Below is a brief description of a few important components of the application. Please note this does not include all required aspects of the application.

## **Funding Agreement & Declaration of Restrictive Covenant**

The Program funding agreement, including the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, serves as the official contract between DEP and the Grantee. To receive a grant, the grantee must be able to sign this boiler-plate agreement as-is.

## **Statement of Agreement**

The statement of agreement acknowledges that the property owner has read and thoroughly reviewed the funding agreement and declaration of restrictive covenant, and if awarded will execute both documents.

## **Stormwater Calculations**

The stormwater calculation template is provided in the online application. This requires information relating to the size, materials, and porosity of the green roof system.

## **Project Estimate**

The project estimate template provided in the online application outlines the hard costs (materials and installation) and soft costs (design, site investigations and management) for the project. Total project costs assigned to DEP cannot exceed the maximum reimbursement value calculated using the reimbursement schedule. In addition, soft costs cannot exceed 20% of hard costs. Costs not related to the design and construction of the green roof are not eligible for reimbursement by DEP.

## **Structural Analysis**

A structural analysis is required with all applications. This must be stamped by a P.E., clearly state the loading capacity of the roof, the load of the designed green roof system and verify that the existing roof is sufficient for the proposed design.

## **Maintenance Plan**

The maintenance plan outlines the maintenance requirements and scheduling for the proposed project.

## **Conceptual Design**

The conceptual design is a design set prepared by a PE, RA, or RLA. It must be of good quality, and show how the green roof project will function. The online application has specific instructions of conceptual designs. Please note, a simple box overlaying a photo indicating the location of the green roof project will not be considered satisfactory.

## **Site Connection Proposal (SCP)**

Property owners can request sewer connection documents through the NYC DEP [Permit and Review Information Systems \(PARIS\)](#).

## **Additional Documents**

Existing Conditions, Scope of Work, Site and Project Analysis, Co-Benefits, Community Involvement, Experience/Expertise, Project Timeline, Optional Monitoring Plan, Maps, Photos, Contractor's Estimate, Deed, Letters of Support.



## 2. GRANT ACCEPTANCE & REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Once the grant application has been reviewed by DEP and proven to meet all eligibility criteria, a Conditional Acceptance Letter will be sent to the Grantee. After receiving the Conditional Acceptance Letter, Grantees will have 2 weeks to submit the Grant Acceptance Form. The Grantee then has 60 days to complete the Required Paperwork.

### Grant Acceptance Form

- Accepts funding allocated under the Green Infrastructure Grant Program.
- Acknowledges that the Funding Agreement and Restrictive Covenant will be executed as-is with no revisions to the boilerplate.
- Acknowledges that Grantee will comply with all requirements outlined in the Grant Application, the Grantee Guide, and all instructions provided by DEP.
- Identifies the Property Owner and Project Manager who should be sent all correspondence related to the Grant Program.
- Confirms whether the Grantee wishes to be reimbursed directly for all approved costs of the project or if the Grantee wishes to assign payment directly to a third-party contractor.

### Required Paperwork

- Organization Certificate
- Grantee Affirmation
- Doing Business Data Form  
<https://home.nyc.gov/assets/hpd/downloads/pdfs/services/doing-business-data-form.pdf>
- Substitute W9  
[https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/SUBSTITUTE-FORM-W-9\\_NYC\\_December-2014.pdf](https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/SUBSTITUTE-FORM-W-9_NYC_December-2014.pdf)
- Register with Comptroller/EFT  
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/doing-business-with-nyc-direct-deposit-program.page>



### 3. DESIGN SUBMITTAL & REVIEW PROCESS

Conceptual designs are submitted at the time of application. Once the Grant Acceptance Form has been submitted, the Grantee may begin submitting Substantial and Final designs. There will be a maximum two week DEP review time for each phase. Designs that are sufficiently complete at any phase of the process may advance directly to Final if notified by DEP.

#### Components of a Design Packet

- Scope of Work
- Stormwater Calculations
- Project Estimate
- Maintenance Plan
- Complete Design Set (24"x36" submitted as PDF)
- Memo addressing DEP comments on previous submissions

#### Design Set Requirements

All plans must have a scale bar, north arrow and include:

- **Title Page-** Template provided by DEP. All signatures must be complete at the final design phase.
- **Existing Roof Plan / Survey-** Displaying existing conditions of the roof including slope (low/high points, flow arrows), dimensions, mechanical equipment, roof drains, etc.
- **Proposed Site Plan-** Displaying all proposed green roofs. Label all dimensions and associated green roof area. Include direction of flow arrows.
- **Cross-sections-** Sections of the green roof system through every variation of the design including perimeters, walkways, and drains. Must include detailed labels including but not limited to dimensions, materials, and thickness. Labels must use the technical name of the material.
- **Planting Plan (optional)-** Including a species list, planting schedule, and diagram.
- **Spec/Cut Sheets-** Specifications for all components of the green roof system, including but not limited to root barrier, drainage layer, filter fabric, growing media, vegetation, pathways, edging, drain covers, and irrigation systems. All media should include soil porosity.

#### Conceptual Designs

Conceptual Designs must be submitted with the grant application. DEP will review Conceptual Designs along with the grant application and send comments to the Grantee via email. If revisions are requested, the Grantee will need to address all concerns and resubmit prior to the issuance of a Conditional Acceptance Letter.



#### Substantial & Final Designs

Based on the design's completion, DEP will notify the grantee when they can advance to the next design submission. All design revisions should accurately and completely address all previous DEP comments. Final Designs must be signed and sealed by a PE, RA, RLA.



#### Site Safety Plan

Grantee shall submit a complete Site Safety Plan to DEP prepared by a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) or a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH). The Grantee is responsible for ensuring health and safety requirements during construction and for the life of the project. Grantee and contractor employees shall comply with all safety regulations governing the Site Safety Plan.



#### Final Construction Plan

The Final Construction Plan includes the final Estimate, Stormwater Calculations, signed and sealed Designs, Specifications, Scope of Work, Maintenance Plan, and certified Site Safety Plan. **All Grantees must determine if their project requires a NYC DOB permit and apply for that permit if required.**



## 4. INSURANCE VERIFICATION

Grantees must submit insurance certificates in accordance with Appendix A of the Funding Agreement. Insurance verification must be submitted to DEP prior to Agreement registration and be updated as necessary throughout the grant process. All insurance certificates must be sent to DEP via email as a PDF. The Certificate Holder must be stated exactly as follows: "New York City Department of Environmental Protection, 59-17 Junction Blvd. Flushing, NY 11373". **Note:** If certificates provided do not cover the full invoicing period, DEP will not be able to process invoices for the project.

### Commercial General Liability Insurance (must be submitted as an ACORD Certificate)

- Valid NAIC code nos. must be included for each insurer.
- The "Named Insured" must exactly match the name of the Grantee as written on the Funding Agreement.
- The certificate must contain a signature of the authorized representative.
- Commercial General Liability must be occurrence based.
- The DEP-assigned contract number must be listed on the certificate under "Description of Operations."

### Notarized Broker / Agent Certification

- Cannot predate the ACORD certificate

### Disability Benefits

Disability Benefits: forms (DB-120.1) or (DB-155)

- If Grantee is exempted from providing Disability Benefits then Grantee must provide proof of exemption via Form CE-200.
- For more information regarding Disability Insurance requirements visit: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/wclcompliance.jsp>

### Workers Compensation

Worker's Compensation: forms (U-26.3) or (C-105.2)

- If Grantee is exempted from providing workers compensation then Grantee must provide proof of exemption via Form CE-200.
- For more information regarding Workers Compensation insurance requirements visit: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/wclcompliance.jsp>



## 5. RECORDING THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND EXECUTING THE FUNDING AGREEMENT

### Property Specific Information

Grantees cannot edit the Funding Agreement or Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, but will need to provide the necessary information to DEP to complete. This information must be submitted before DEP can request budget approval for the project.

### Filing the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant

The Grantee shall sign and notarize a one (1) copy of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant and file with the Department of Finance (DOF). The Declaration of Restrictive Covenant must be registered as “Sundry Miscellaneous” at DOF. The Grantee can either file in person at one of the Department of Finance’s locations or file on-line at their website: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/taxes/acris.page>

It takes DOF approximately 2-3 weeks to record the document against the property and create a “Recording and Endorsement Cover Page.” Once the Cover Page has been created, the Grantee must send it electronically to DEP with the Funding Agreement.

The Declaration of Restrictive Covenant should be sent to DEP with the Funding Agreement as Appendix E.

### Executing the Funding Agreement

After recording the covenant, the Grantee must sign and notarize the Funding Agreement, including all final and completed Appendices. The signed and notarized Restrictive Covenant and the Recording and Endorsement Cover Page should be inserted as Appendix E of the Funding Agreement.

Once the Funding Agreement and Restrictive Covenant are final and satisfactory, DEP will sign the agreement and move forward with contract registration. DEP will notify the Grantee once the agreement has been registered.



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## 6. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTIONS & INVOICING

### Notice to Proceed

After the Final Construction Plan (see p. 12) has been accepted and the Funding Agreement has been registered, DEP will issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP). Once the NTP has been issued, the grantee will have thirty (30) days to start construction and one (1) year to complete construction. **Note:** all work must fall within the NTP period. All work outside of the NTP will not be reimbursed by DEP.

### Invoicing Procedure

All costs shown on each invoice should be consistent with the Funding Agreement, documented, reasonable, and necessary. The total of all invoices cannot exceed the agreed upon grant total as indicated in the Funding Agreement. **Note:** submitted insurance certificates must cover invoicing period or invoices will not be processed.

- **Soft Costs Invoice-** After the NTP has been issued, the Grantee may submit one invoice for all eligible soft costs paid prior to its issuance.
- **Hard Costs Invoice-** After construction is complete, the Grantee may submit one invoice for all eligible hard costs. This may be split into two payments if it exceeds 90% of total project costs.

### Complete Invoice Packet

- **Invoice Template**
- **Contractor Invoices-** Directed to grantee, including contractor's name, work date, material, quantity, cost
- **Canceled Checks/Bank Statements-** Provided by the Grantee showing direct payment to the contractor for work invoiced to DEP. Should be provided for each contractor's invoice submitted.
- **Delivery Receipts-** Provided by the contractor, showing delivery of all invoiced materials. Must include, date, quantity and name of the material.
- **Construction Report-** Follow template. Must include photos of all stages of construction.

### DEP Site Inspections

DEP will perform at least three grant site inspections throughout the application process to ensure that in-field conditions are accurately reflected in construction designs and that all aspects of the grant process move smoothly.

- **Site Visit-** Once Substantial Designs have been reviewed by DEP, DEP will perform a pre-registration site visit. The purpose of this inspection is to assess the proposed design plans, evaluate existing site conditions, and meet with the project team to discuss next steps.
- **Construction Inspection-Substantial Completion-** One (1) week before construction is 75% complete, the Grantee should notify DEP to schedule a construction inspection with DEP staff. The Grantee should notify DEP immediately if during construction changes need to be made to the accepted Final Designs. If necessary, DEP may request in-field changes to the project at this time.
- **Construction Inspection-Final-** One (1) week before construction is complete, the Grantee should notify DEP to schedule a final construction inspection with DEP Staff. After the inspection, DEP will send any comments to the grantee and request all changes to the Final Designs be noted in a signed and sealed as-built design set.





## 7. GRANT COMPLETION, CLOSE-OUT, AND REPORTING

### Completion of Construction

After the Final Construction Inspection and DEP's approval of the project, the Grantee must submit a **Certification of Construction Completion**. If in-field changes were made during the construction of the project DEP will request a set of as-built plans and final stormwater calculations be submitted along with the certificate. As-built designs must include all components of a standard design set (see p. 12).

While this information is being reviewed, the Grantee may submit the final invoice to DEP. Upon approval of project costs and the Certification of Construction Completion, DEP will send a **Final Acceptance Letter** and reimburse the Grantee for the remainder of the Project.

### Maintenance and Reporting

The Grantee agrees that during the term of the Funding Agreement and the maintenance period, it will maintain the Project and keep it in good repair with full functionality for its intended purpose. It is the Grantee's responsibility to ensure that the Project is kept free and clear of any and all obstructions that would impede the Project's proper functioning. Starting at the time of Agreement registration, all Grantees must submit Maintenance Reports and Project Certifications to DEP through the Green Infrastructure Grant Program email address (GIGrantProgram@dep.nyc.gov).

- **Maintenance Reports**- submitted quarterly for the first three years of the maintenance term.
- **Project Certification**- submitted annually for the entire performance term, certifying that the project is held, and used in compliance with the requirements of the Restrictive Covenant.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)



## How to Calculate Soil Porosity?

Soil porosity can be found in the manufacturer specifications for most soil media. If soil porosity is not listed, please include a default value of 50% in the stormwater calculations and notify DEP in order to develop a more accurate calculation. **Note:** other values such as “water holding capacity” may be listed in place of porosity.

## What is the Tributary Area?

Tributary area is the area from which stormwater is being managed by the green infrastructure project. Please note that reimbursement is strictly calculated based on green roof area and soil depth. Tributary area and stormwater volume managed will not affect funding for green roof projects.

The default tributary area for all green roof projects will be equal to the green roof area. If a Grantee believes that the tributary area for their project exceeds the green roof area, they must submit a written description detailing why. DEP will review all tributary area proposals along with the Conceptual Designs and return comments accordingly. There will be no opportunity for additional submittals. After the initial tributary area proposal and DEP review the tributary area will be set.

## Can I Include a Capillary Drainage Mat or Additional Detention Devices?

Yes, the more stormwater a project can manage the better. Capillary layers or additional detention devices should be included in the Stormwater Calculations Template. Note that increased storage, though encouraged, will not affect the reimbursement rate for the project. Reimbursement is calculated based on green roof area (GRA) and soil depth.

## Can Increased Storage Capacity Compensate for Low Square Footage?

No. Projects below 3,500 SF will not be accepted into the Program regardless of storage capacity of the green roof.

### **Can increased storage capacity compensate for low soil depth?**

No. Projects with less than 1.5 inches of soil will not be accepted into the Program regardless of storage capacity of the green roof system. Including layers with additional storage capacity will not alter the soil depth used to determine the maximum reimbursement rate for the green roof project.

### **Can co-ops or condominiums apply for a Grant?**

All private property is eligible for grant funding through the Program. Due to their unique ownership structure, Co-ops and Condominiums that are interested in pursuing Program funding and which meet all design and eligibility criteria should contact DEP to discuss their property's suitability for the Program.

### **What if my design includes elevated walkways/basement rooftops?**

Elevated walkways and basement rooftops have the potential to capture and manage stormwater runoff through the use of green roof systems; however, all projects must meet the minimum qualifications outlined in this guide. If a project cannot meet these requirements, it may not be considered a feasible and replicable project.

### **Can my design be a combination of a green and solar roof?**

Green roofs and solar electric generating systems play an important role in making a healthier more sustainable NYC. Green/solar roof combination systems are eligible for funding under the Program, however, they must meet all requirements outlined in this guide. Only the green roof components of a combination system are eligible for funding under the Program. Matching funds must be identified for the solar portion of the project.

### **Will the Grant affect my taxes?**

Potential applicants should consult a tax professional to identify if the grant will be considered taxable income and/or how it may effect tax liability.

### **Am I eligible for funding if implementing a Project for regulatory requirements?**

No, Grant funds cannot be used to meet any regulatory requirements that the property is subject to.