

SUGGESTED Community Forest Program Project Proposal

Applications should not exceed **eight pages**. In addition to the application, a **verification of applicant's eligibility** and **two maps of sufficient scale** showing the location of the property in relation to roads and other improvements as well as parks, refuges, or other protected lands in the vicinity must be submitted. Map guidance and examples can be found here <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/map-recommendations-examples.pdf>. Please review section 230.4 of the Final Community Forestry Program Rule and the current Request for Applications for additional information regarding application requirements on the website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program>. You can also contact your regional Forest Service representative <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/contact-us/community-forest-regional-coordinators>

1) About the proposed Community Forest:

- Description of the Property
(Include acreage and county location)
- Description of Current Land Use
(Include improvements and plans for utilization or demolition of existing structures)
- Description of current forest type and vegetative cover
- Description of the type and extent of community benefits, including to underserved communities, in the following categories: economic, environmental, recreational, and educational
- Description of the relationship of the property within, and its contributions to, a landscape conservation initiative as well as any environmental justice initiatives
- Description of applicable zoning and other land use regulations affecting the property
- Description of any threats of conversion to non-forest uses

2) Establishing the Community Forest:

- Objectives of the Community Forest
- Description of benefiting Community
(Include demographics and associated benefits of the proposed Community Forest)
- Description of community involvement, including outreach to underserved communities
(Include involvement in the planning of the community forest to date and anticipated involvement in the long-term management.)
- Description of the planned public access
(Include limitations to protect cultural or natural resources, or public health and safety)
- Identification of persons and organizations that support the project
(Include their specific role in acquiring the land and establishing and managing the community forest)

3) Acquiring the Community Forest:

- Status of due diligence
(Including signed option or purchase sale agreement, title search, minerals determination, and appraisal)
- Proposed timeline for completing the acquisition and establishing the community forest
- Long term management costs and funding sources.

4) Budget

Estimated Project Cost			
Cost Classification	Total Cost	CFP Cost (Federal)	Non-Federal Cost
Land Cost			
Appraisal			
Title fees			
Community Forest Plan Development			
*Miscellaneous Real Estate Fees			
Subtotal			
*Contingencies Fees			
Subtotal			
Total Project Cost			
Explanation of Cost (*Please provide an explanation of Miscellaneous Real Estate Fees and Contingencies fees):			

Cost Share Budget Table		
Funding Source	Federal	Non-Federal
Community Forest Program		
(Enter Name of Organization)		
(Enter Name of Organization)		
(Enter Name of Organization)		
(Enter Name of Organization)		
Total		
Explanation of Cost-share:		

Technical Assistance Request		
Cost Classification	Total Cost	Total Funds Requesting
Community Forest Plan Development		
Total		
Explanation for Technical Assistance:		