

GreenWays Initiative Q & A

The following are points of clarification to the Grantmaking Guidelines of the GreenWays Initiative.

- **If my organization receives a Land Grant, will we be required to certify that the land used for the project is free from contamination?**

Yes. If a Land Grant is awarded, prior to payment the grantee must provide a Phase I Environmental Assessment or equivalent evidence that the property that is the subject of the grant is not contaminated or, if contaminated, can be restored to such a condition that it can safely be used by the public. In addition, prior to payment of all Land Grants, the grantee must complete a preliminary wetlands assessment to ensure that the grant project will not adversely affect any wetlands or rare or threatened natural features.

- **Is there a matching funds requirement for Predevelopment Grants?**

No. Predevelopment Grants, which range from \$5,000 to \$100,000, can be used to cover the entire cost of the project as proposed. However, because of the limited amount of GreenWays funds, local or outside financial support is favorably considered.

- **Is there a form for Predevelopment Grant applications?**

No. The form included in the Grantmaking Guidelines booklet applies only to Land Grant applications. For a list of materials that should be included in the both types of application, please see the general guidelines for applications on page 15 of the booklet.

- **How many copies of an application are required?**

Only one copy is necessary; and it should be submitted either unbound or with a removable binding.

- **The GreenWays Initiative includes two components not directly connected to land-based projects – public education and outreach, and capacity building. Can I get a grant to publish an educational booklet, to attend a conference on greenways, or to hire a speaker to educate my membership about the benefits of greenways?**

No. GreenWays grants do not fund speakers, conference fees, trips or educational programs. If you have any questions about whether an activity, project or program is covered by a GreenWays grant, please contact the Community Foundation to discuss your ideas.

- **How do I find out more about the benefits of greenways and what has been funded by the GreenWays Initiative?**

The GreenWays Initiative pages of the Community Foundation's Web site (<http://greenways.cfsem.org>) include information about past grantees and projects, an interactive mapping site that highlights the locations of all GreenWays grants, information about past and future events, and links to other greenways-related institutions and resources. The Web site also includes a link to a greenways e-mail discussion group, where ideas are exchanged and announcements of conferences, resources and opportunities are provided.