

Fiscal Year 2019 University Mass Timber Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions and Definitions of Terms

A. Questions

1. Who is eligible for this funding?

Eligible applicants are [institutions of higher education](#) (e.g., universities, colleges, technical schools) and their design and construction partners.

2. How many awards can be funded per state?

There is no limitation per state. Awards will be based on an applications qualifications.

3. Can applicants submit more than one application under this RFP?

Yes. An applicant can submit multiple applications.

4. Are equipment purchases allowed through this grant opportunity?

No.

5. Can funds be used for construction?

No.

6. Can unrecovered indirect cost be used as match?

Yes.

7. Who can I reach out to for more information about the grant program?

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8. What resources are available to applicants?

The US Forest Service partner, [WoodWorks](#), has staff available to provide no-cost project related support.

WoodWorks provides free project assistance as well as education and resources related to the design of non-residential and multi-family wood buildings. Their technical experts offer support from design through construction on a wide range of building types, including multi-family/mixed-use, education, office, commercial, industrial, civic/recreational and institutional/healthcare.

For project questions please reach out to helpdesk@woodworks.org.

WoodWorks staff have expertise on a wide range of subjects, including but not limited to:

- Allowable heights and areas and construction types
- Structural design and detailing of wood-frame and hybrid material systems
- Fire resistance and acoustical-rated assemblies

- Efficient and code compliant lateral system design
- Alternate means of code compliance
- Energy-efficient detailing
- Application of advanced building systems and technologies
- General product availability

The WoodWorks website (www.woodworks.org) also includes a wide range of education and links related to mass timber and wood-frame construction.

B. Definition of Terms

Budget Information (SF-424A)

Overall project costs, including summary of matching funds, in-kind contributions, Federal share, and project expenditures over the life of the grant.

Construction Costs

Costs associated with construction of buildings, roads, and infrastructure that are permanent are **not allowed to receive Federal funds** under this funding opportunity; however, construction funds can be part of the non-Federal cost share.

Cost Principles for Federal Awards

[PART 200—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements For Federal Awards.](#)

Direct/Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are those that have been incurred for common or joint objectives and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective. For additional information see Cost Principle information beginning on page 133 of [PART 200—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements For Federal Awards.](#)

Equipment

Equipment is defined as tangible personal property with a useful life of over one year with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more.

Feasibility Study

An analysis of the economic, market, technical, financial, and management feasibility of a proposed project.

Hourly Wages or Salary

Only the actual cost of wages paid to the employee and the associated benefits may be charged to the grant or used as match. Recipients are not allowed to include profit in a federal award, no matter how it might be captured. Only reimbursement for actual costs incurred and documented expenses will be paid.

Indirect or Intangible Benefits

Indirect or intangible benefits can include job creation; improved air quality (reduced air emissions from point and non-point sources); enhanced water quality; improved fire regime condition class; and reduced wildfire risk to homes, watersheds, and wildlife habitat.

In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions are property or services that benefit a federally assisted project or program and are contributed by non-Federal grantees and their partners without charge to the grantee, or a cost-type contractor under the grant agreement.

Matching Funds

Applicants must contribute at least an amount equal to what is received by the Grant Program. For every

\$1 of funding requested from the Grant Program, applicants must provide at least \$1 in match. For example, if the requested amount is \$50,000, the applicant match must be at least \$50,000. The applicant's match must come from non-Federal sources. The match may include cash or in-kind contributions. All matching funds must be directly related to the proposed project. Applicants must submit letters of support from third-party organizations confirming the amount of cash or in-kind services to be provided, up to the minimum required match.

Project Costs

Project costs are all allowable costs, as set forth in the applicable Federal cost principles, that are incurred by a recipient and the value of the contributions made by third parties in accomplishing the objectives of the award during the project period. ([PART 200—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements For Federal Awards](#))

Wildland Fire

Any nonstructure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland. ([Glacier National Park Flathead National Forest Fire Information](#) – include other fire terminology)