

# Delaware Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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This document will be updated as further questions are received.

### **1. What is an “in-kind match,” and what can be counted as in-kind match for this grant?**

In-kind match contributions come from the grantee organization or their designated partners. In-kind match is typically in the form of the value of personnel, goods, and services. The following are generally accepted as in-kind contributions:

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- Personnel time given to the project by applicant or project partners☐
- Volunteer time from another organization/corporation ☐
- Rental space for public meetings ☐

### **2. Can volunteer hours be counted as in-kind match?**

Yes, volunteer hours can be counted as in-kind match. The estimated volunteer hourly rate by the Independent Sector ([http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time)) should be used to calculate dollar value of volunteer hours as in-kind match. As of February 2016, the value of a volunteer hour is \$23.56.

### **3. Can funds for this grant be used for on-the-ground projects?**

No, this grant is intended to fund activities related to planning and assessment, and associated education, outreach and analysis costs. For instance, costs associated with assessment, cost-benefit analysis and economic feasibility of a project is eligible. Costs associated with blueprints, engineering documents and purchase/installation of materials are not eligible.

### **4. Can multiple jurisdictions apply under one grant application?**

Yes, partnerships are encouraged in this program; however, grant funds must be distributed to one entity. Jurisdiction specific deliverables must be clearly defined in the project proposal. Full commitment from all participating jurisdictions is required.

### **5. What is the grant cap for a multi-jurisdiction grant application?**

The grant cap for a multi-jurisdiction grant proposal is the sum of individual jurisdictional caps, based on the stipulated population.

### **6. Are unincorporated areas eligible?**

Delaware counties are eligible. A county may choose to plan for a specific region or the entire county. Grant funds cannot be disbursed to home-owner associations or maintenance corporations.

### **7. Does the academic institution or non-profit organization need to be Delaware-based?**

No, partners are not required to be Delaware-based, as long as they are working on a project in partnership with a Delaware community.