

What Counts as Match?

GREENER TOWNS

2019

Greener Towns requires that you match your award dollar-for-dollar. Some must be in the form of paid contributions. The rest can be donated services, materials and volunteer time.

PAID MATCH at least equal to 50% of funding request (uses hard dollars or other grants)
Design services performed by a landscape designer, landscape architect or engineer (including NSA services)
Rental equipment fees (rototiller, sod cutter, jackhammer, skid loader, etc.)
Removal of pavement, brush and dead/dying trees
Soil grading to direct water for proper drainage
Erosion control matting and other materials to cover bare ground
Stones/rocks for ornament or raingardens
Paths and sidewalks
Lighting and refuse/recycling receptacles
Benches and seating
Walls, stairs, railings and fencing
Rainbarrels and downspout extensions
Green roofs
Hoses, wands and sprinklers
Drip irrigation systems and gator bags
Approved hardy plants like those included in the <i>Plants for Nebraska</i> list
Installation labor performed by a landscape company/contractor
Eco-friendly lawns like buffalograss/fine fescue, bee lawns and no-mow lawns
Tree stakes and fencing
Compost, topsoil and other amendments
Hardwood, hay and grass clipping mulch
Educational signs and plant labels
Maintenance contracts (spanning 1-3 years) with a landscape professional for garden and tree care
Education session fees related to sustainable landscaping

DONATED MATCH (donations, discounts and volunteer time)
Donated* compost, topsoil or mulch or special discounts on the same
Donated* professional design or installation services or special discounts on the same
Donated* plants/seed or special discounts on the same
Donated* delivery fees or equipment rental or special discounts on the same
Donated* materials like stones or pavers or special discounts on the same
Donated* benches or other amenities or special discounts on the same
Donated* signage or outdoor art or special discounts on the same
Hours** spent by Green Team (after initial program acceptance) planning and coordinating your project
Hours* spent by staff/volunteers performing labor related to site preparation
Hours** spent by staff/volunteers planting, mulching, watering and weeding your project***
Hours** spent by Green Team and staff/volunteers coordinating an outreach effort like speaking to a class, posting on social media, publicizing with the newspaper or hosting an event

*For donations/special discounts to count as match, you must submit an itemized receipt or invoice created by donor with dates, quantities and \$ value of their donation.

**For hours to count as match, you must submit a completed Greener Towns Hours Log with names, dates, duration and descriptions of activities.

***Time spent on your project must occur before you ask for reimbursement. Projected/future hours can't count as match.

**Adult volunteer labor will be valued at
\$23.56 per hour.**

**Youth (age 0-18) volunteer labor will be
valued at \$10.00 per hour.**