

SEMCOG Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program

Call for Projects

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is pleased to announce available funding through the Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides funding to implement green infrastructure projects that specifically reduce stormwater runoff volume, improve stormwater quality, and help build and connect Southeast Michigan's green infrastructure network.

The SEMCOG Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program has \$3.24M (\$3,240,000) available through the EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for competitive subawards that will range from \$50,000 to \$300,000 per project to implement green infrastructure projects in Southeast Michigan. The goal of the program is to provide funding to construct green infrastructure techniques for environmental benefits, primarily reducing stormwater runoff volume with a target of 5 to 11-million-gallon annual reduction in stormwater runoff. Those interested in submitting an application are encouraged to review the [SEMCOG Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program - Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#).

Applications for are being accepted now through **August 21st, 2026, at 5 p.m.**

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, projects must:

- Be consistent with the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan IV](#);
- Reduce untreated stormwater runoff through the implementation of green infrastructure practices;
- Be implemented on public property;
- Demonstrate they are meeting community need(s); and
- Be complete and report results by June 30, 2030.

Projects may also result in:

- Great Lakes shoreline and riparian corridors restored or protected; or
- Coastal wetland, nearshore, and other habitats restored, protected, or enhanced.

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Additional factors contributing to an application’s likelihood of being selected for funding include:

- Projects that address [Lakewide Area Management Plans](#) and Regional Plans;
- Projects that demonstrate feasibility of timely implementation (evaluation of level of design, permits required, timing for completion within the budget requested);
- Applications that include a detailed schedule including milestones and deliverables;
- Projects that include partners/stakeholders and meaningful community engagement in the design and implementation of the project;
- Cost-effective projects that will deliver large annual reductions in stormwater relative to the funding amount.

Email completed applications, with *SEMCOG Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program* in the subject line, to infocenter@semcog.org.

Additional details about applying for SEMCOG’s Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program:

- No supplemental funding is required; however, leveraging other funding sources is welcome.
- Specific details for this funding program, including project criteria, eligibility, evaluation process, and maximum grant requests are provided in the [FAQ](#);
- SEMCOG has engineering consultants on contract with this grant program for those applicants that demonstrate limited staff capacity or funding to support engineering design. Application instructions include information on how to indicate interest in this option.
- Project schedules should start in January 2027 following approval of grant subaward agreements. Projects must be completed by June 30th, 2030.
- Projects must adhere to all requirements for subaward recipients outlined in the grant [agreement between SEMCOG and EPA](#). Please be sure to review this agreement in its entirety.
- Applicants are required to estimate pollutant load and annual runoff reduction using established calculators such as EPA’s [Pollution Load Estimation Tool \(PLET\)](#), formerly STEPL, [SEMCOGs Eco Planning Tool](#), that emulates PLET with a runoff reduction component or other generally recognized runoff reduction estimate methodologies.

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- Grantees will be reimbursed for costs incurred based on invoices that detail expenses, such as salary, travel, contracts, and descriptions of expenses that are requested for reimbursement.
- Invoices and progress status reports are required quarterly.
- Agreement by the recipient that project outcomes and successes can be used for future trainings (e.g. SEMCOG Universities) and regional case studies promoted by SEMCOG; any physical, digital or GIS information/data developed is shareable with SEMCOG for regional planning and/or online mapping or other applications.
- Applications must include the applicant's most recently completed audit and a completed [Pre-Award Subrecipient Risk Assessment form](#) provided by SEMCOG. Both items are required as part of SEMCOG's pre-award review process for federal subrecipients.

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