

Green Infrastructure Champions RFP and Mentoring Network Informational Webinar – Question and Answer Summary

For more information visit <https://www.glc.org/work/champions>. Please send any additional questions to Victoria Pebbles at gichampions@glc.org.

- Will this presentation be available after the webinar?
 - Yes, a recording of the presentation, the slides, and a summary of the Q/A portion will be sent out to webinar participants and made available at <https://www.glc.org/work/champions/mini-grants>
- Would a “One Water” integrated water management program be eligible if it included a stormwater component?
 - We would have to look at it in the context of the eligibility requirements, but this sounds like it would align with the “capacity building” projects we’re looking for. Also make sure that GI is included as part of the stormwater component and explain how this project would expand GI capacity in the community as part of the proposal.
- Would a project that focuses on expanding GI capacity on residential/private property be eligible?
 - Yes
- Can you describe the role of the mentor in the GI Champions Mentoring Network?
 - Mentors provide the GLC with a summary of their skills and then we match them with a mentee based on the needs of our mentees. Mentoring agreement lasts one year, the exact relationship will vary between mentor/mentee pairs depending on need. Mentors check-in with their mentees at least once a month to discuss challenges/progress and provide resources. In the case of grantees, the mentor can be a resource for implementation of the specific mini-grant project.
- Does the program provide funds for the mentor to travel to mentee’s locations?
 - No, generally mentoring pairs communicate remotely. Applicants could consider building funding for travel into their mini-grant proposals.
- Would a “living infrastructure” wall in a rec center be considered GI?
 - This would likely be considered a GI project as long as it is being used for stormwater management (either for water quality or quantity). Remember, the primary project component must focus on institutional barrier removal, installation projects can only be considered if they are complementary to a barrier-removal project.
- Are non-profit organizations that focus on helping build GI capacity in municipalities eligible?
 - Yes
- The slides have links for mentees that want to apply for the network. Is there also a link for mentors?
 - Yes, this link goes to the mentoring network website, where the application forms for both mentors and mentees are available.

- Is a non-profit that previously received a GI champions mini-grant eligible to apply? Would the project need to focus on a different community or barriers?
 - Yes, previous grant recipients are eligible to apply. Remember that the eligibility criteria and proposal scoring system are different than the pilot phase of the project. The project's focus could be similar, as long as these criteria are met.

- Who normally participates in the mentorship activities? For example, if a city received a grant, who from the city would be responsible for communicating to the mentor?
 - This is up to the mentee and the project team and will vary between projects/mentoring pairs. Past mentors have designated primary points of contacts and alternates.

- If I am a non-profit applying on behalf of a city, does the city apply for the mentoring program or does the non-profit?
 - It could be either one. The best option would be for whomever would benefit from the mentoring relationship more to apply to be in the network. In the case of grant applicants, look at the scope of your proposal and see who would be doing the majority of the work. We can be very flexible – for example, you could have representatives from both the non-profit and the city be a part of the mentoring relationship.

- Do mentors from last year need to re-apply to be a mentor this year?
 - Not if they have already directly expressed their interest to us to remain in the network. If you are unsure if you have done this, you can either contact us or simply apply again. If you want to update the information in your application (e.g. if you have gained new expertise or capacity), we encourage you to fill out the form again.

- Is the application due before midnight on July 31st or at the end of business?
 - Before midnight will be fine. The proposal review period won't begin until the following day.