

# Chesapeake Tree Canopy Updates

## Inflation Reduction Act Urban & Community Forestry Funding

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# URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

USDA is an equal opportunity  
provider, employer, and lender.

## \$1.5 Billion to Expand Tree Canopy and Access to Nature

100% of Benefits Will Flow to Communities in Greatest Need

Urban and Community Forestry Grants, authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, provide funding to community-based organizations, Tribes, State and local agencies, public colleges and universities, and non-profits working to provide equitable access to trees and nature and the benefits they provide to urban communities.



**Investing in a Healthier  
Future for America**

**Expanding Tree Canopy  
in our Communities**

**The Benefits of Trees  
in our Communities**

**Confronting the Growing Threat of  
Extreme Heat and Climate Change**

# Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Investment Timeline



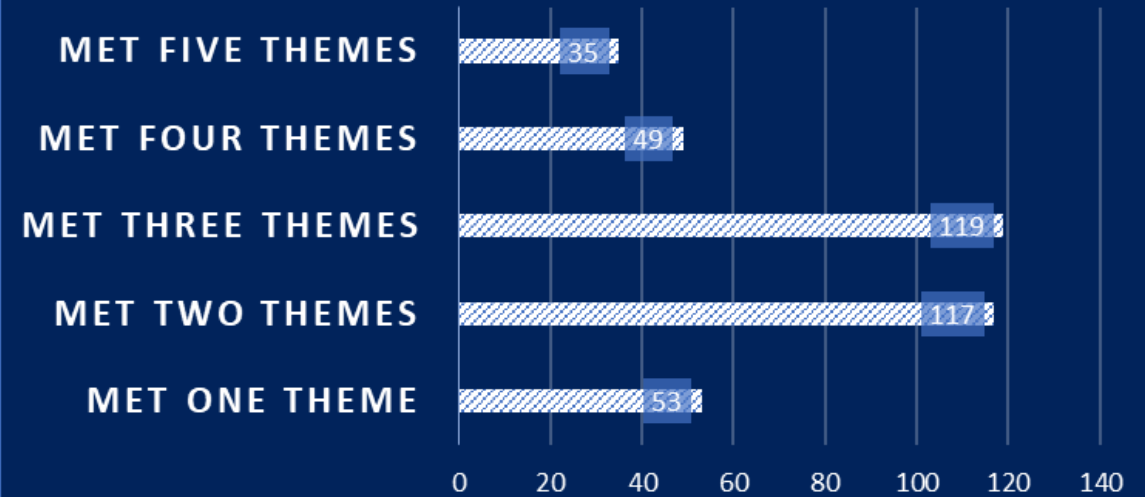
- Aug 2022 = IRA Passed, **\$1.5 billion** investment authorized
- April 2023 = **\$250 million** investment in state forestry agencies announced, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released
- June 2023 = **842 applications** received reflecting over **\$6.4 billion** in requests
- August 2023 = completed **rigorous review** of all applications
- September 2023 = announced **\$1.13 billion to 385 projects** in all 50 states, territories, islands, and tribes

# UCF IRA Grant Themes

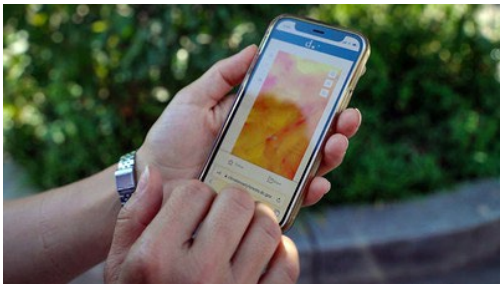
- Workforce Development
- Extreme Heat
- Restoration & Resilience
- Tree Planting & Maintenance
- Community Engagement & Planning



## AWARDEES ADDRESSING MULTIPLE THEMES



**Award selection prioritized projects that addressed multiple IRA-UCF themes.**





# IRA UCF State Forestry Funding (5 year grants)

State	State Funding
Delaware	\$0.75M
District of Columbia	\$0.75M
Maryland	\$6.0M
New York	\$13.5M
Pennsylvania	\$9.8M
Virginia	\$6.6M
West Virginia	\$0.75M
Total	\$38.1M

- 80% of the funding delivered through competitive sub-award programs
- 100% focus in Justice 40/disadvantaged communities
- State RFPs to be released in the coming months, stay tuned!

# IRA UCF State Funding & NOFO Awards

State	State Funding	NOFO Funding	CBW NOFO Funding
Delaware	\$0.75M	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
District of Columbia	\$0.75M	\$9.1M	\$9.1M
Maryland	\$6.0M	\$34.4M	\$34.4M
New York	\$13.5M	\$73.5M	\$5.0M
Pennsylvania	\$9.8M	\$27.9M	\$3.9M
Virginia	\$6.6M	\$17.7M	\$17.7M
West Virginia	\$0.75M	\$1.5M	\$0
Total	\$38.1M	\$164.7M	\$70.5M

# NOFO Awards in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: DC, DE, and MD

State	Project	Partner	Funding
DC	Advancing Tree Equity	Casey Trees	\$9,115,260
DE	The Delaware Forest Service Project	Delaware Forest Service UCF	\$500,000
MD	The Mid-Atlantic Environmental Justice Fund	Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$17,000,000
MD	Baltimore Tree Trust	Baltimore Tree Trust	\$7,000,000
MD	Baltimore Community Canopy	Civic Works, Inc	\$3,000,000
MD	Gather and Grow	Chesapeake Conservancy	\$2,000,000
MD	Sembrando el Futuro / Embajadores de los Árboles	Defensores de la Cuenca	\$2,000,000
MD	Stillmeadow Peace Park and Learning Center	Stillmeadow Community Projects	\$2,000,000
MD	Tree-Cosystems for Green Communities	Nature Forward	\$1,359,369

For project descriptions, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/2023-grant-funding>.

# NOFO Awards in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: PA and VA

State	Project	Partner	Funding
PA	Harrisburg City Riverside	City of Harrisburg *	\$1,000,000
PA	Harrisburg City Tree Vestment	City of Harrisburg	\$1,000,000
PA	Proactive Systemic Maintenance	City of Lancaster*	\$1,000,000
PA	Trees for All	Borough of Mechanicsburg*	\$500,000
PA	Borough of State College Urban Forestry Sustainability	Borough of State College*	\$369,355
VA	Black and Brown-Led, Coalition-Based Urban Greening	City of Richmond	\$6,000,000
VA	Hampton Roads Blue Green Oasis	Norfolk State University	\$5,000,000
VA	Norfolk Blue-Greenway Project	City of Norfolk	\$4,000,000
VA	Stewarding, Planting, Restoring Our Urban Trees	City of Fairfax*	\$1,000,000
VA	Norfolk Urban Forestry Capacity Building	City of Norfolk Parks & Forestry	\$1,000,000
VA	Winchester Greening and Urban Tree Maintenance	City of Winchester*	\$550,000
VA	Charlottesville Urban Forest Management Planning	City of Charlottesville *	\$150,000

\*Funded through national pass-through partners

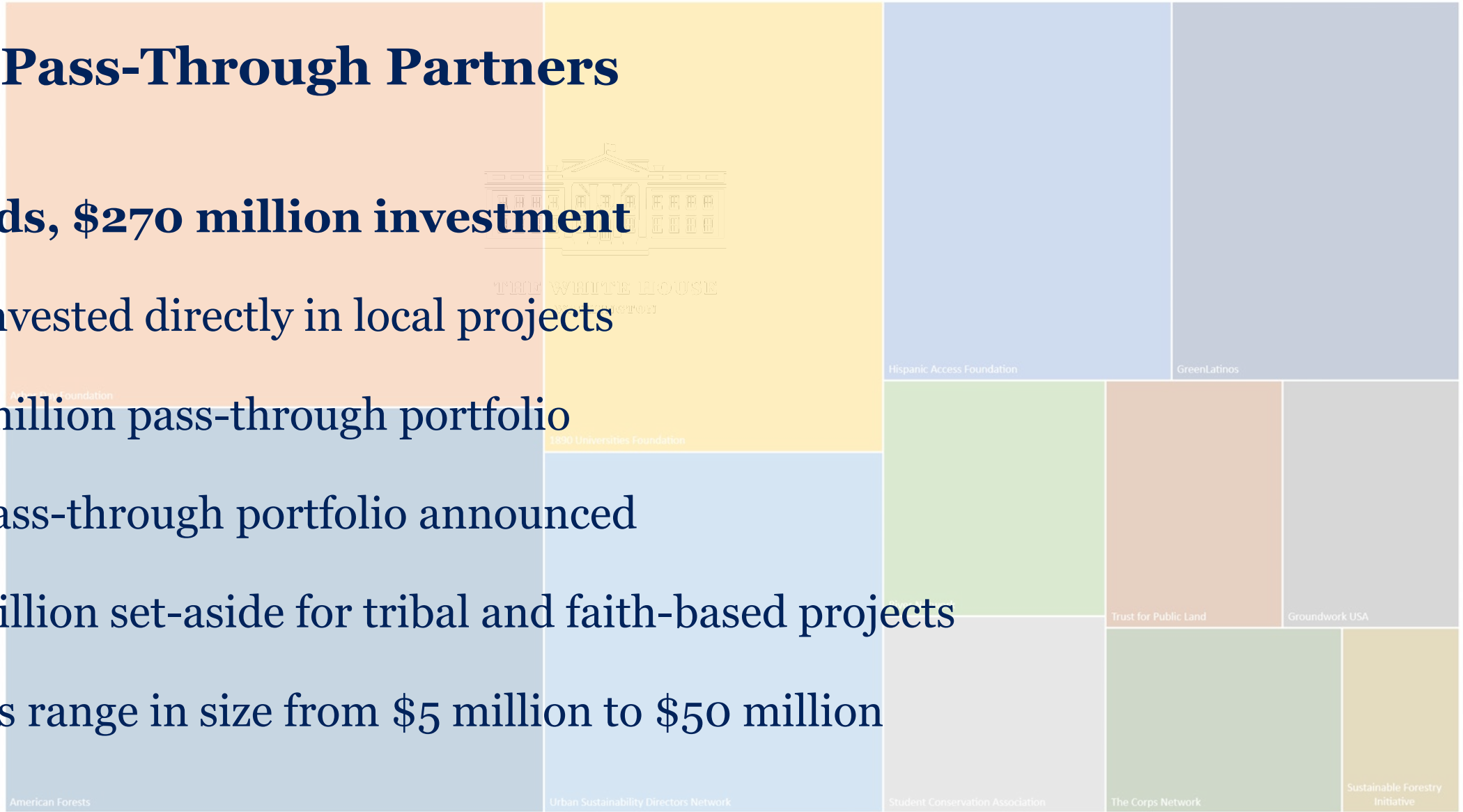
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# National Pass-Through Partners

**12 awards, \$270 million investment**

- 80% invested directly in local projects
- \$216 million pass-through portfolio
- 56% pass-through portfolio announced
- \$20 million set-aside for tribal and faith-based projects
- Awards range in size from \$5 million to \$50 million



# National Pass-Through Partners

Arbor Day Foundation

American Forests

1890 Universities Foundation

Urban Sustainability Directors Network

Hispanic Access Foundation

GreenLatinos

River Network

Student Conservation Association

Trust for Public Land

Groundwork USA

The Corps Network

Sustainable Forestry Initiative



# Chesapeake Tree Canopy Updates

## Upcoming actions

- Work with partners to get grants executed over next few months
- Convene CB state tree canopy leads around next 2 year CB and state workplans and sharing IRA RFP plans
- GIT Project on Scaling up Regional Tree Supply – out for bid until 10/16
- Save the Date: virtual Chesapeake Tree Canopy Summit Dec. 6 and 13 (1-4pm) – open to all; invite coming soon, please circulate!

QUESTIONS?