

Evaluation Criteria (100 points)

The following evaluation criteria will be used to review applications submitted in response to the RFP:

Significance of the Problem: Potential for Advancing State Urban Forest Health Initiatives (30 points).

Assess the likelihood and urgency the project will have towards advancing the urban forest health initiatives in alignment with 10-Year State Forestry Action Plans. Address long-term goals, clear identification of the problem and inclusive justification for the proposed project. Provide social outcomes to communities, including but not limited to outreach, education, environmental justice, access, etc.

Proposed Approach and Cooperative Linkages (25 points).

Description of proposed approach should include objectives, plan of operation, timetable, expected results and evaluation plans.

Institutional Capability and Capacity Building (20 points).

Share applicant's capability to perform the project and the degree to which the project will strengthen by its capacity by collaborating with partners.

Key Personnel (15 points).

Describe quantity and qualifications of key persons who will develop and carry out the project, Specific roles for each key personnel/partners must be identified to ensure appropriate project leadership.

Budget and Cost-Effectiveness (10 points).

Provide a detailed budget that adequately supports the project, including any administrative assistance and federal match requirements.

Funding Scorecard	Points Summary:
Recommend for Funding as Submitted (F):	100-90
Recommend for Funding with Minor Revisions (R):	89-80
Recommend for Funding with Major Revisions (M):	79-70
Do Not Recommend for Funding (D):	Below 65