

Planting Project Criteria

In choosing which planting projects to become involved in, and(or) to make grants for, GF assigns the highest priority to projects which best satisfy the following criteria:

The project:

- a. must provide significant public benefits and only incidental private ones.
- b. is unlikely to be conducted without GF's involvement.
- c. helps GF to achieve a desirable diversity among its projects.
- d. has education or demonstration value.

The location:

- e. must be one through or by which significant numbers of Helena area residents regularly pass.
- f. currently lacks adequate and sufficient trees and shrubs.
- g. is one to which Helena area residents have access, and which is visible to the public.

The planting:

- h. is conducted in accordance with a landscaping plan.
- i. includes primarily trees.
- j. uses plants and techniques appropriate to Helena's climate and conditions.
- k. will be aesthetically pleasing and increase the attractiveness of its area.
- l. includes an irrigation system, or has a realistic long-term watering plan.
- m. will be adequately maintained and relatively long-lived.

In considering requests for grants, the following additional criteria are applied:

- n. the proposal asks for assistance from GF that is feasible, given its resources.
- o. the project's expenditures, including the prices to be paid for plants and materials, are reasonable.
- p. the property owner is able to meet GF's requirements for cost-sharing.