



## Urban and Community Forestry

In light of the Office of Management and Budget's recent order placing a temporary pause on federal grants, loans and financial assistance programs, we are canceling all three 2025-1 Financial Assistance Program Request for Applications (RFA) offerings. All three of these urban and community forestry RFAs are funded with federal grants, and it is unclear to us whether or not the RFAs are impacted by this order. In an abundance of caution, we believe it is best to cancel this RFA offering to allow the USDA Forest Service, the granting agency of these federal funds, the time they need to review the order and inform us as to how we should proceed.

Once we have received guidance from the USDA Forest Service, we will have a clear understanding of if and how this order impacts our urban and community forestry Financial Assistance Program and will share that information with you.

**Our next RFA is scheduled to open July 1, 2025. Please complete this six-question [25-1 NCFs U&CF Financial Assistance RFA Questionnaire](#) to share your interest and plans for applying for future RFAs.**

Thank you for your patience and for all you do for your communities.

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