



Inflation Reduction Act – Forest Landowner Support

A Funding Initiative from USDA Forest Service

Inflation Reduction Act Background

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides billions of dollars in grants, loan programs, and other investments for clean energy and climate action. The law recognizes that farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are an essential part of the climate solution.

IRA Section 23003 authorized four (4) provisions for the U.S. Forest Service to engage private forest landowners by supporting:

- Cost share for climate mitigation and forest resilience practices (Provision 1).
- Participation in emerging private markets for underserved landowners (Provision 2) and landowners who own less than 2,500 acres (Provision 3).
- Payments for implementation of forestry practices that provide measurable increase in carbon sequestration and storage (Provision 4).

These opportunities are part of the Landscape Scale Restoration Program authorized under Section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a).



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Implementation

The Forest Service will issue a series of competitive funding opportunities in 2023 and 2024. Eligibility will vary by each opportunity. To view current opportunities, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/state-private-forestry/coop-forestry/ira-forest-landowner-support>.

State forestry agencies will also receive Forest Landowner Support funding to support technical assistance programs for underserved landowners.

The Forest Service anticipates funding a diverse portfolio of projects that support forest landowners, including projects focused on diverse geographies and diverse outcomes.

Learn More and Apply

Contact sm.fs.landownerIRA@usda.gov to request information and technical assistance, including application support. Community Navigators are available to help organizations that represent underserved communities complete grant applications, manage grant compliance, and build fundraising capacity.