

HERO Eligible Product Type: Drought Tolerant Landscaping

Product Type Summary

The Drought Tolerant Landscaping product type provides property owners with even more options to save water and money by replacing their turf grass lawns with drought tolerant landscaping through the HERO Program. Drought tolerant landscaping can save between 40-60 gallons of water annually per square foot of turf grass replaced and may be financed up to a 20-year financing term.

Drought Tolerant Landscaping Options

The following drought tolerant landscaping options are eligible for HERO financing:

- Hardscape/Groundcover Materials
 - Decomposed Granite
 - Gravel/Rock/Boulders/Stone
 - Open Grid Pavers
 - Interlocking Pavers
 - Flagstone Pavers
 - Patio Stones
 - Permeable/Pervious Concrete
- Efficient Irrigation Options
 - Drip/Micro Irrigation
 - High-Efficiency Irrigation
 - Irrigation Sensors & Controllers

Project Eligibility Specifications

1. Product installation area must replace existing live turf grass and/or other irrigated landscape area
2. Products must be installed to limit excess site runoff by promoting water to drain or be absorbed through the material into the on-site landscape subsurface, or to be retained on-site through a catchment and storage system
3. Requested finance amount may ***only*** include costs related to the following scope of work items:
 - a. Removal and disposal of existing landscape material
 - b. Site preparation for drought tolerant landscaping material installation (i.e. grading, trenching, weed barrier installation, retaining wall installation, etc.)
 - c. Installation of eligible hardscape/groundcover materials (see above)
 - d. Installation or replacement of eligible efficient irrigation options (see above)
4. Requested finance amount may ***not*** include any costs related to the following scope of work items:
 - a. Installation of live plants or other biodegradable plant material
 - b. Removal or replacement of pre-existing hardscape areas (i.e. patios, driveways, pools, etc.)
 - c. Installation of landscape water features (e.g. ponds, fountains, etc.)
 - d. Installation of any other products/features not listed as eligible in specification number 3
5. All products should be installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications and industry best practices