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COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

The Texas A&M Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program helps communities develop sustainable programs that provide Texans with healthy trees and forests. To this end, with support from the USDA Forest Service, the Texas Community Forestry Grant Program will soon be accepting proposals for the 2024 competitive grant program.

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 11, 2023
Grant Application Opens

February 16, 2024
Grant Application Deadline

These dates are subject to change



GRANT CATEGORIES:

Human Health Equity and Accessibility

One \$50,000 grant awarded

Access to trees has a positive impact to human health, yet many communities have not had the same opportunities to develop accessible treescapes. This category will provide support to implement innovative nature-based solutions that optimize public health in environmentally disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Municipal Foresters

One \$100,000 grant awarded

Exponential urbanization requires exponential need for qualified Foresters in Texas communities. Texas cities often develop their urban and community forests before they are able to increase maintenance, care and future planning. This category will provide direct support to cities for a municipal forester, phased over three years.

Geospatial Analysis 65

One \$550,000 grant awarded

This grant category focuses on 65 prioritized communities identified by the Texas A&M Forest Service as areas of the utmost need, where strategic tree planting can generate the most substantial positive outcomes. Awardee will conduct intensive, specialized geospatial analyses to identify and map high-impact planting locations within these communities.

Climate Resiliency

One \$50,000 grant awarded

Texas consistently experiences extreme weather events and is on the front end of expected warmer, dryer weather pattern change. This category will provide support to increase further understanding of community forest climate resiliency.

Tree City USA

Up to ten grants awarded, maximum \$10,000 each

This grant category will support small projects to help a city meet the standards for designation as a Tree City USA and to reach the next level by implementing activities leading to Growth Awards.

Tree Planting

Up to ten grants awarded, maximum \$20,000 each

Funding for communities to implement tree planting programs that address one or more urban sustainability issues identified in the Texas Forest Action Plan, specifically climate, energy consumption, and water quality.

Schoolyard Forests

Up to five \$3,120,000 grants awarded

Create neighborhood schoolyard forested greenspace by increasing tree cover to 30% on school campuses and installing nature playspaces. Each grant provides funds for 8 campus transformations within a single ISD and includes a forest literacy curriculum implementation component.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

[Community Forestry Grants](#)

[Community Forestry Grants Email List](#)

[Texas A&M Forest Service](#)

[Texas A&M Forest Service Funding Connector Tool](#)

[Tree City USA](#)

[Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)