



2022-2023 COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT FACT SHEET

GRANT OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this grant is to assist communities with planning and implementing projects that improve management, care, and public engagement with trees growing in parks, natural areas, and along public rights-of-way. The Projects should also address social and environmental disparities in Washington communities by investing in community-identified urban forestry needs that advance environmental, social, or public health outcomes.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Public tree inventories
 - Public inventories often include street and park trees. Tree risk assessments may also be incorporated.
- Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Assessment
 - Conduct tree canopy assessments using aerial or satellite imagery.
 - Applicants in King, Pierce, or Snohomish County must contact the Application Coordinator to discuss UTC assessment projects before submitting an application.
- Urban Forest Management and Maintenance Plans
 - Develop a work plan, maintenance plan, management plan, strategic plan, standards in UCF/ tree care manual, etc. for trees and associated resources in the community, including open space and green infrastructure. Management plans may also include:
 - Prioritized planting plans
 - Storm or wildfire response plans
 - Pest preparedness plans
 - Ordinance and policy development or revision
- Tree planting on public property
 - A planting plan and separate 3-year maintenance plan are required for planting projects.
 - Examples of tree planting projects include:
 - Establishing new trees in low canopy areas.
 - Tree planting to replace trees lost to natural events such as storms, floods, fires, earthquakes, or landslides.
 - Tree planting demonstration projects for the purpose of improving public understanding of the benefits of establishing and maintaining trees.
 - Establishment of a “food forest” or community orchard; (must include provisions for long-term care and maintenance).
- Tree pruning
 - Tree pruning to reduce risk, manage pest or disease issues, restore the health and structural stability of trees within the community forest, or implement similar objectives. All pruning must be performed by ISA Certified Arborists.
- Education and outreach
 - Publications or materials
 - Staff trainings
 - Events
- Other innovative projects, for example:
 - Analyze community forest resource data, including [canopy assessments](https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/urban/utc/) (<https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/urban/utc/>) or resource inventories, to increase public

- understanding of the economic, social, environmental, and psychological values of trees and open space in urban and community environments.
- Develop a community tree specifications and standards manual.
(<https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1982/City-of-DuPont-Tree-Care-Guidelines-2017>)
 - Educational assistance to expand knowledge and enhance the technical skills of individuals involved in community tree care, planning, development, and maintenance activities such as planting and pruning.
 - Invasive urban forest pest training and monitoring activities.
 - Hiring professional facilitators or other mutually trusted third party organizers to convene engagement activities that mitigate for any historical or institutional power dynamics.
 - Identifying shared needs, goals, and collaboration across stakeholders within the community.
 - Promoting community or tribal government involvement in addressing environmental health disparities and environmental justice related issues and developing solutions and future project ideas to address them.
 - Hiring professional consultants.

ELIGIBILITY:

Local units of government, schools, tribes, special taxing districts and nonprofit organizations.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are announced each fall, submitted to the DNR Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager and then reviewed by a grant review panel. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

DEADLINE:

Friday, March 4th, 2022– by 4:00 PM local time, Olympia, Washington, USA.

TIMELINE:

Project duration: Approximately 11 months (July 1, 2022 – June 1, 2023).

DOLLAR AMOUNT AVAILABLE:

Grant requests may range from \$5,000-\$40,000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

2021-2022 engrossed second substitute [House Bill 1216](#), Urban and Community Forestry

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FISCAL YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATION:

Approximately \$550,000 for grants.

APPLICATION FORM

Download full request for applications (RFA) and the application form by visiting DNR's website: www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry#grants-and-financial-assistance