

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION
ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,
FORESTRY DIVISION

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division (Forestry Division) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service) is seeking applications (Applications) for urban and community forestry projects year-round.

Eligible applicants (Applicants) are non-federal governmental entities, including public colleges and universities and tribes (as long as other federal money is not involved). Projects located on lands owned or administered by the federal government are not eligible for this funding.

Successful Applicants will be required to provide 1:1 non-federal matching funds, which may include allowable and allocable in-kind contributions (i.e., personnel salary, fringe, and indirect costs; services, materials, supplies, equipment donations; and volunteer assistance), and private and public (non-federal) monetary contributions.

The Forestry Division may waive match for projects that occur within or deliver 100 percent of the projects benefits to communities identified as disadvantaged by the U.S. federal government. Applicants seeking a match waiver must use federal online vulnerability and environmental justice equity data tools to support a disadvantaged community designation, (e.g., White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), the EPA Environmental Justice and Screening Mapping Tool, and EPA EnviroAtlas Interactive Map.

The purpose of the Community Forestry Assistance Grant is to assist communities in developing and maintaining sustainable stewardship of urban and community forestry resources in New Mexico. Projects that support expanding equitable tree canopy cover and access to nature deprived disadvantaged communities experiencing low tree canopy and environmental justice issues will receive higher priority.

Projects must emphasize the development and management of community forests. Examples of eligible project activities include:

- community forestry program development or improvement such as the creation of management plans, staffing urban forest professional, ordinances, tree boards, site preparation (clearing invasives, removing impervious), tree plantings, wood waste program creation, food forest creation, invasive detection, tree maintenance (mulch, irrigation, pruning, removal), inventory, green infrastructure, assessment, or monitoring;
- professional development to create or expand the technical skillset of diverse and inclusive urban forestry workforce such as development of classes, implementation

- of workshops, registration to attend conferences; and
- public outreach and education promoting community involvement in urban forestry such as community events, surveys, engagement, creation of publications, multimedia, trainings.

Applications may request any amount up to \$60,000.00. The Forestry Division reserves the right to partially fund projects. Project contacts will be notified by the Forestry Division Program Manager before any partial funding is approved.

Questions regarding this RFA shall be addressed to:

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Applications are available on the Forestry Division website, <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/requests-for-proposals-and-grants/> or by contacting Alyssa O'Brien. Applicants must submit their proposals on the Forestry Division's Submittable webpage using this link: <https://emnrd-sfd.submittable.com/submit>.