# Arbor Day Grants Application Instructions 2019

## Alaska Community Forest Council

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Grants are intended to help the meet this goal by funding projects that:

- Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day in Alaska

- Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees

- Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting, and care

- Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include: reduce or treat stormwater, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams or rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic, and beautify schoolyards

Grant funds were provided by **Chugach Electric Association, Paul's Tree Service, and the Yukon and Cook Inlet Chapters of the Society of American Foresters (SAF).**

## Requirements

• Applicant must be a government entity or nonprofit organization with IRS 501(C)3 status, or receive sponsorship from such an entity.

• Applicants may apply for a grant of from $200 to $500. Approximately $3,000 is available for grants.

• Grant funds may not be used for wages or benefits.

• If trees and shrubs are planted with grant funds, follow practices described in *Plant a Tree: Alaska's Guide to Tree Selection, Planting, & Care*. See link below.

Trees must be:

  -Covered by a three-year budgeted maintenance plant.

  - Of high quality, appropriate for the site, and meet the *American Standard for Nursery Stock 2014*. http://americanhort.org/documents/ANSI_Nursery_Stock_Standards_AmericanHort_2014.pdf

  - If you would like help writing specifications to ensure that you receive trees in excellent condition and form, please contact us.

• Any media (print, online etc.) or public event produced in association with this grant shall recognize the support of the Arbor Day Foundation and the Alaska Community Forestry Council.

## Selection Criteria

1. Quality, clarity and organization of project and budget.

2. Extent to which project generates awareness of and participation in Arbor Day.

3. Extent to which project increases public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and builds support for planting and caring for public trees.

4. Extent to which project demonstrates the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting, and care.

5. Project's benefits to the community and its ability to solve a problem or meet a need.

## Application Process

Complete the attached two-page application. The deadline for the application to be received by the Alaska Community Forest Council is **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2019**. The Alaska Community Forest Council and Community Forestry staff will review applications and grant awards will be announced no later than May 3, 2019. Upon approval of the proposal, the council and grantee will sign a grant agreement.

## For more information or assistance

Please call if you need help preparing your proposal. We can provide information to help you design a successful project, including *Plant a Tree: Alaska's Guide to Tree Selection, Planting, and Care*, online at http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/community/publications/PlantATreeWeb2011.pdf

Information and publications are also available at http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/publications.

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