



Arbor Day Grants, 2017

Alaska Community Forest Council

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The Alaska Community Forest Council is a nonprofit organization with 15 members from across the state. Members advise the Division of Forestry on how to develop and deliver community forestry programs to Alaskans, support education, and encourage public involvement in community forestry.

The Alaska Community Forest Council shares the mission of the Alaska Community Forestry Program **to help communities build effective, self-sustaining community forestry programs with strong local support.**

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

1. Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day (officially May 15, 2017);
2. Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees;
3. Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting, and care;
4. Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include: reduce or treat storm water, 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 your schoolyard.

Requirements

- Applicants may apply for a grant of from \$200 to \$500. Approximately \$2,700 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:

- Planted on public access lands and be covered by a three-year, budgeted maintenance plan.
- 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](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.

- Grant funds were provided to the Council from: The Society of American Foresters (SAF); Cook Inlet and Yukon River Chapters, The Alaska Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and Paul's Tree Service of Anchorage. Any media (print, online, etc.) or public event produced in association with this grant shall recognize the support of the Alaska Community Forest Council, Alaska Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and the aforementioned sponsors.

Proposal

Complete an application

(<http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/ak/2017ArborDayGrantApplication.docx>) Be creative and find ways to reach a large audience in your community.

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 Community Forest Council is **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 21st, 2017**. The Alaska Community Forest Council and Community Forestry staff will review applications and grant awards will be announced no later than Monday, May 01, 2017. 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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