

Healthy Tree Canopy Grants

Hennepin County offers grants to cities, affordable housing properties, schools, and nonprofit organizations to enhance the county’s tree canopy. The goal of the program is to support efforts to educate the public on tree care and the importance of trees, combat threats to trees from invasive insects and disease, and promote the development of a more diverse and resilient tree canopy.



| | Cities | | Affordable housing | Schools and nonprofit organizations |
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| Eligible recipients | Step 1: For cities with no tree inventory or an incomplete inventory. | Step 2: For cities that have a completed tree inventory and a Minnesota DNR certified tree inspector or an ISA certified arborist under contract. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New and existing multifamily affordable housing properties. Single-family houses controlled by land trusts and organizations who manage owner-occupied homes restricted to buyers with lower incomes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public, private, and charter schools. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations |
| Eligible projects | To complete tree inventories only | Develop tree management plans, conduct tree plantings, maintain newly planted trees, replace ash trees, conduct outreach, install gravel-bed nurseries | Ash tree removal and tree plantings on affordable housing properties. | Tree plantings, tree-related education, Arbor Day celebrations, tree inventories, ash tree removals |
| Application timeline | Applications are accepted once per year. Applications are due Thursday, June 18, 2020. Grant projects are selected through a competitive process. | | | |
| Amount of funding available per grant | Reimbursement of actual costs of project. Minimum amount of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount of \$5,000. | Reimbursement of actual costs of project. Minimum amount of \$10,000 up to a maximum amount of \$50,000. | Reimbursement of actual costs of project. Minimum amount of \$5,000 up to a maximum amount of \$20,000. | Reimbursement of actual costs of project. Minimum amount of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$10,000. |
| Matching funds | 25% match of the total project costs is required. | | | 25% match for ash tree removals. No match required for other expenses. |
| Project timeline | 12 months | | | |
| Reporting requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each grantee must enter into a formal agreement with the county Submit a work plan with budget, planting designs, and maintenance plans Submit a final report with invoices and project outcomes Documentation regarding expenses, such as time sheets, invoices and receipts Send yearly report on planted tree mortality for the following two years | | | |

Contact us today

Staff is available to help you develop projects and answer any questions related to the grant and application process.

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