

Regular urban forestry grants

Regular urban forestry grants support projects that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees.

Application deadline is October 1 for projects to be completed between January 1 and December 31 of the coming year. Resolution required with application.

About regular urban forestry grants

- Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50–50 match (total project cost range is \$2,000 to \$50,000).
- The project sponsor must initially fund 100 percent of project costs with cash, in-kind contributions and/or donations. Upon completion, the project sponsor requests reimbursement for 50 percent of eligible costs (501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may request an advance when a grant is awarded).
- Projects begin January 1 and must be completed within one calendar year.

Who may apply for a regular urban forestry grant

Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribes and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in or conducting their project in Wisconsin may apply for a regular urban forestry grant.

Eligible regular urban forestry grant projects and associated costs

- Projects must relate to community tree management, maintenance or education within Wisconsin cities, villages or other areas of concentrated development.
- Eligible project components include, but are not limited to:
 - tree inventory or canopy assessment;
 - urban forestry strategic or management plan;
 - urban forest pest response, storm response or risk reduction plan;
 - tree ordinance development/revision;
 - public outreach;
 - staff or volunteer training;
 - tree board or volunteer group development; and
 - tree planting, maintenance and removal.
- Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to:
 - construction projects (such as trails, fences, shelters, buildings and site grading) not directly related to planting;
 - land clearing or stump removal projects not directly related to tree planting or removal; and

- land or boundary surveys or title search, appraisal, sale or exchange of real property.
- Eligible costs are those necessary for completing the project and incurred during the project period. Costs must be documented, reasonable and consistent with the project scope. Examples include:
 - salaries and fringe benefits of people working directly on the project;
 - cost of services, supplies, equipment or facilities used on the project; and
 - value of labor, services, supplies, equipment or facilities donated to the project by third parties.

To apply for a regular urban forestry grant:

- Review the [urban forestry grant application guide \[PDF\]](#) for more details.
- Obtain a resolution from your governing body designating a representative to file the application and handle all grant actions on behalf of the applicant ([download sample resolution \[Word\]](#)).
- Complete application form [8700-298 \[PDF\]](#). The form is electronically fillable, printable and savable.
- Complete Urban Forestry Partner Verification form [8700-298A \[PDF\]](#) for each project partner (not for hired service providers).
- 501(c)(3) organizations must include a copy of their constitution, bylaws or articles of incorporation, unless already on file with the DNR urban forestry program.
- [Assemply Map](#)
- [Senate Map](#)
- [Are you having trouble with a fillable PDF?](#)

Submit your application and authorizing resolution by:

Electronic format (preferred)

- **Print** - Review, edit if needed and file.
- **Save** - File name should represent organization name and urban forestry grant year.
- **Submit by email** - You will be given the opportunity to edit the message and provide attachments to an email addressed to DNRUrbanForestryGrants@wisconsin.gov.

Or, mail hard copies or fax to

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 Urban Forestry Grants – FR/4
 PO Box 7921
 Madison WI 53707-7921
 Fax: 608-266-8576

Deadline – applications must be sent or postmarked by 11:59 p.m., October 1