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# Urban and Community Forestry Grants - 2023 Grant Awards

Forest Service Invests $1.5 Billion in Urban and Community Forestry Projects Nationwide



Trees make a difference. Studies show that communities with access to trees and green spaces are associated with improved health outcomes, reduced crime, lower average temperatures, and an influx of other kinds of investments and new economic opportunities. Through funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Forest Service is making historic investments in boosting the nation's tree cover in urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide. The agency has selected 385 grant proposals from entities that are working to increase equitable access to trees and green spaces, and the many benefits they provide. 100% of benefits will flow to disadvantaged communities, and funded proposals are located in all 50 states, two U.S. territories, three U.S. affiliated Pacific islands, and in several tribal communities.

## News and Announcements

- USDA invests $1 billion for nearly 400 projects to expand access to trees and green spaces in communities and neighborhoods nationwide through Investing in America agenda

- Award Administration Guide (PDF, 707 KB)

## Grant Awards

GRANT AWARDS BY STATE (select to expand)

ALABAMA

ALASKA

ARIZONA

ARKANSAS

CALIFORNIA

| PARTNER | PROJECT | CATEGORIES | FUNDING |
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| **California State University Northridge** | **Tree Planting in Disadvantaged Los Angeles Neighborhoods:** This project will restore sustainable ecological practices in targeted areas across the City. In collaboration with Indigenous organizations, the project will establish community-based Tribal nurseries alongside planting culturally significant native trees. The project aligns with federal and state priorities to enhance urban landscapes, public health, and diversify the workforce for green jobs. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development | $5,000,000 |
| **City of Azusa** | **Community Canopy: Nurturing Climate Resilience in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods through Urban Forestry:** This project will enhance urban forestry and community well-being in Azusa through the development of an Urban Forest Management Master Plan, community tree planting initiatives, engagement activities, and the establishment of a community-centered urban food forest. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $2,000,000 |
| **City of Bellflower\*** | **Bellflower Urban Forestry Management Plan & Tree Planting and Maintenance:** This project will launch the development of a new urban forest management plan to promote an equitable, sustainable, and reliable means of managing the City's trees. The City will plant and maintain 250 new trees in partnership with community organizations. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $1,000,000 |
| **City of Berkeley\*** | **Trees Make Life Better:** This project will support an update to the City's existing inventory, the development of a community-driven urban forestry master plan, the planting and establishment of new trees, hiring new full-time staff, and engaging numerous community volunteers over the course of five years. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience | $1,000,000 |
| **City of Carson\*** | **The City of Carson's Urban Forestry Master Plan:** This project will engage and prepare the community for canopy loss, develop citywide and neighborhood planting plans, set requirements for species diversity, facilitate the planting of thousands of large-stature trees, and monitor canopy coverage gains and losses. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience | $1,000,000 |
| **City of Chula Vista\*** | **Chula Vista Urban Forest Tree Inventory and Forest Management Plan:** The project will advance the development of a comprehensive tree inventory system and a forest management plan. A complete tree inventory will allow for better planning and the incorporation of vital services. This work will sustain a healthy, equitable, and resilient urban forest and mitigate risks such as tree failure and wildland-urban interface fire. | • Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $500,000 |
| **City of Concord\*** | **Concord Urban & Community Forestry Program:** This project will expand existing urban tree canopy cover to maximize community access to the health, social, ecological, and economic benefits of nature-deprived communities experiencing adverse effects due to urban heat islands. This will be achieved with shade tree plantings and the promotion of resource conservation and sustainability. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $1,000,000 |
| **City of Corona\*** | **City of Corona Urban and Community Forestry:** This project supports a Tree Planting Campaign in and around known blighted areas within the city limits, specifically within the core downtown areas in the underserved, disadvantaged areas surrounding the Sixth Street Corridor. The city aims to plant up to 1,000 new trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $100,000 |
| **City of El Cajon\*** | **Parkway Tree Installation and Maintenance in Disadvantaged Areas:** This project will support the planting of 1,700 trees in residential parkways. These trees will be geocoded, added to the City's tree inventory, monitored, watered, and maintained by the City. Plantings will target communities which have minimal trees and would benefit by providing expanded tree canopy coverage. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $834,965 |
| **City of Escondido\*** | **City of Escondido Urban Forestry Management Program:** This project will support the development of an urban forestry inventory, forest growth plan, and maintenance plan for all trees and vacant tree plots. The resulting master plan will guide planting and maintenance of new trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $665,500 |
| **City of Fremont\*** | **Reforestation of Fremont's DACs and Community Urban Forestry Trainings:** This project will create and provide training to the public through a Community Tree Stewardship program, support the development of curriculum and hiring a program coordinator, provide on-the-job green workforce training to youth urban foresters, and improve tree equity throughout Fremont by planting and maintaining trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $383,472 |

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| | | • Restoration & Resilience<br>• Workforce Development | |
| City of Glendale* | **Glendale Canopy Improvement:**<br>This project will support better management of Glendale's urban forest through an assessment of current and past canopy coverage to target current and future planting projects to meet City goals regarding reforestation. | • Planning & Community Engagement | $100,000 |
| City of Goleta* | **City of Goleta, California Urban Forest Climate Adaptation Project:**<br>This project will support a park tree inventory, tree removals, community engagement through the creation of an interactive canopy-mapping and prioritization tool, expansion of the annual Arbor Day event, updating the 2011 Urban Forest Management Plan to include the City's first tree ordinance, and a plan to plant and maintain 1,000 trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br>• Restoration & Resilience<br>• Extreme Heat | $1,000,000 |
| City of Hanford* | **Hanford Goes Green:**<br>This project will include planting trees and empowering individuals from disadvantaged communities through specialized training in tree care and maintenance, equipping these individuals with urban forestry skills and job pathways. Additionally, the program emphasizes community outreach and engaging local residents. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br>• Restoration & Resilience<br>• Workforce Development | $1,000,000 |
| City of Hayward* | **COH Urban Forestry Software and Hazardous Tree Removal/Replacement:**<br>The project will suppport the aquisition of a tree inventory, carbon sequestration data, urban tree canopy assessment reports, and other necessary data to improve management, storm hardening assessment, hazard tree mitigation, and tree preservation efforts. | • Restoration & Resilience | $500,000 |
| City of Laguna Beach* | **Seed Funding for Urban Tree Canopy Management and Analytical Resources:**<br>This project will allow for the procurement of a tree canopy analysis, a tree inventory system, planting site analysis, and an Urban Forestry Master Plan. These tools will fundamentally shift the program into a progressive, data-driven, proactive management model. | • Restoration & Resilience | $100,000 |
| City of Long Beach | **Growing a Climate Resilient Long Beach: A Community Based Approach to Urban Forestry and Rainwater Harvesting:**<br>This project will increase equitable urban tree canopy, broaden community engagement, and strengthen Long Beach's resilience to climate change. In partnership with the community, the ctiy will plant trees while utilizing rainwater harvesting to improve air quality and stormwater management, mitigate extreme heat, and spur the growth of green jobs. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br>• Restoration & Resilience<br>• Workforce Development<br>• Extreme Heat | $1,000,000 |
| City of Los Angeles - Bureau of Sanitation | **BeLeaf in Equity:**<br>This project will plant 2,500 street trees, create 2,300 new tree wells, and provide tree watering during the tree establishment period. This will increase tree canopy coverage along the perimeters of schools and surrounding neighborhoods, providing shade in low canopy areas, improved air quality, and multiple health benefits for vulnerable residents. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br>• Restoration & Resilience<br>• Extreme Heat | $3,000,000 |
| City of Oakland* | **Oakland: Equity through Urban Forestry:**<br>This project will increase tree canopy on public and private land, preserving current canopy by addressing deferred maintenance, increasing engagement through public outreach, and providing job opportunities to increase the green sector workforce in Oakland. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br>• Restoration & Resilience<br>• Workforce Development | $8,000,000 |

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| City of Oxnard* | **Oxnard Urban Forestry - North Oxnard:**<br>The project will support a tree inventory and risk assessment of 26,455 trees within disadvantaged census tracts in Oxnard. The project also involves training, LiDAR to analyze canopy cover, and hazard tree mitigation. The project will serve as a critical foundation for upcoming future urban forest planning and management, including for building long-term resilience. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $333,502 |
| City of Oxnard | **Oxnard Urban Forestry - South Oxnard:**<br>The project includes tree inventory and risk assessment of 22,249 trees within disadvantaged census tracts in Oxnard. The project also involves training, LiDAR to analyze canopy cover, and hazard tree mitigation. The project will serve as a critical foundation for upcoming future urban forest planning and management, including for building long-term resilience. | • Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $651,423 |
| City of Petaluma | **Petaluma Canopy:**<br>This project will expand tree canopy cover by planting native trees throughout the city. Activities will include planting trees in parks and schools and along streets, an acorn-harvesting native oak restoration project, riparian reforestation, development of a residential tree-planting program, and improved urban forest management. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience | $1,000,000 |
| City of Pittsburg | **Pittsburg Urban Forest Management Launch:**<br>This project will increase best management practices for the City's urban forest by aquiring tools to complete a tree inventory that will serve as a cornerstone for an Urban Forestry Master Plan. The plan includes a public/private tree planting program and a series of community workshops. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance | $2,000,000 |
| City of Riverside | **Community & Forestry Resiliency:**<br>This project will see the implementaton of a comprehensive urban forest management plan. Project actitives will include a city-wide tree inventory and canopy assessment, the development of a tree management database, planting and maintenance, and a suite of outreach and educational activities to engage the community. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience | $1,000,000 |
| City of Sacramento* | **City of Sacramento's Equitable and Resilient Urban Forest Program:**<br>This project will incorporates four major elements: urban forest expansion, community engagement and stewardship, a parking lot greening pilot program, and community forestry workforce development and pipeline program. These activites will be carried out with a focus on underserved communities. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development | $1,000,000 |
| City of San Diego | **Ready, Set, Grow San Diego:**<br>This project seeks to address climate action goals and promote tree equity. The City will conduct extensive community outreach to engage the community in planning and participation in the project. Key activities will include planting trees and preserving trees through tree well expansions and tree grate removals. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Planning & Community Engagement<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $10,000,000 |
| City of San Jose* | **Alum Rock and Overfelt Gardens Urban Forest Management:**<br>This project seeks to conduct necessary vegetation management at Alum Rock park to decease risk of wildfire, and to structurally prune all the trees at Overfelt Gardens. Both projects will include volunteer days, interpretive programming by Park Rangers, and incorporate the Resilience Corps, a young adult employment program. | • Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $1,000,000 |
| City of San Jose | **City of San Jose Community Forest Investment Project:**<br>This project will expand urban forest management in San Jose, focusing on 78 census tract groups. The goal will be for the City to take control of maintenance for all public trees, plant 3,000 new trees upon completion of a full inventory, and better management of exisiting community trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development | $5,644,300 |

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| | | • Extreme Heat | |
| City of Santa Ana | **City of Santa Ana Urban Forest Reforestation Project:** <br> The project will increase investment and improve management practices in underserved areas of Santa Ana. The City will plant new street trees while simultaneously removing and replacing dead and hazardous street trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience | $1,023,000 |
| City of Santa Cruz* | **Expanding Tree Canopy, Improving Tree Care, and Growing Community Capacity in Santa Cruz, California:** <br> This project will improve the management of public trees by inspecting and pruning all City-maintained trees in the project area and updating the City's tree inventory. Core components of the plan include hiring for green jobs, funding urban forestry work, and creating community planting opportunities and improved educational resources. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Workforce Development | $1,000,000 |
| City of Signal Hill* | **City of Signal Hill Street Tree Planting Program Plan:** <br> This project incorporates a plan to plant 1,000 new trees. This project seeks to benefit disadvantaged communities within Signal Hill by increasing the urban forest coverage, increasing shade equity, reducing urban heat island effects, promoting increased overall air quality, aesthetics, and walkability of these neighborhoods. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Extreme Heat | $1,000,000 |
| City of Vallejo | **Waterfront Revival:** <br> This project will incorporate native drought tolerant trees and water smart irrigation into multiple city greening projects including a new Cultural Garden venue. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience | $1,734,070 |
| City of Vista | **N. Santa Fe Corridor Vista CA Landscaping and Irrigation Project:** <br> This project seeks to enhance the City's urban tree canopy, provide numerous environmental benefits, improve the health and well-being of residents, and promote environmental justice for underserved communities. Key activities will include planting approximately 125 street trees and upgrading irrigation systems to supply water for the planted trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience | $1,593,798 |
| City of Walnut Creek* | **City of Walnut Creek Urban & Community Forestry 2023:** <br> This project will support the improved management for the city's parks and greenbelts, totaling over 300 acres. The City will inventory 15,000+ trees, assess their condition, and take steps to monitor and ensure equitable outcomes to increase the tree canopy. | • Restoration & Resilience | $100,000 |
| City/County of San Francisco, Recreation and Parks Department | **Climate and Economic Justice in Southeast San Francisco Project:** <br> This project will see the development of a comprehensive Canopy Management Plan for parks in southeast San Francisco, CA. As a part of the plan, the city will develop a workforce development Pre-Apprentice Program that will hire and train local residents to plant and maintain city trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience <br><br> • Workforce Development | $2,000,000 |
| Housing Authority City of Los Angeles | **Greening Watts:** <br> This project will focus on expanding the Green Ambassador Program, conducting a tree inventory, establishing an urban food forest, mitigating the urban heat island effect, and promoting community education and awareness. These efforts will foster environmental stewardship, address disparities, and create sustainable and resilient communities. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience <br><br> • Workforce Development <br><br> • Extreme Heat | $5,000,000 |
| Los Angeles County Public Works | **Early Action Implementation for LA County Urban Forest Management Plan:** <br> The project will address the urban tree canopy deficit within disadvantaged communities in unincorporated LA County by assessing areas of low canopy coverage, planting diverse tree species, and creating workforce development opportunities for the continued maintenance and monitoring of new and existing trees. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance <br><br> • Restoration & Resilience | $8,000,000 |

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| **Napa County Resource Conservation District** | **Our Napa Forests: Growing an Equitable Tree Canopy Through Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration:** This project will happen in collaboration with many stakeholders to plan and implement urban forest planting and stewardship. The focus will be on educating and empowering citizens to become urban forest stewards, and county-wide workforce development programming to enhance and expand the urban forest management workforce in Napa County. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Workforce Development | $1,560,761 |
| **San Francisco Public Works - Bureau of Urban Forestry** | **Justice, Jobs and Trees: A San Francisco Climate Solution:** This project will bring the community together to plant and establish thousands of street trees in low-canopy communities. This will mitigate extreme heat and establish climate-ready neighborhoods. In addition, this effort will create green jobs and workforce development positions for members of the community. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $12,000,000 |
| **Tree San Diego** | **San Diego Regional Plan and Plant Project:** This project will help the region plan for the future, increase access to green space, and train the new green workforce. Specifically, entry-level candidates will graduate through the established Treejectory workforce program, a regional urban forestry master plan will be developed, and trees will be planted throughout San Diego County. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development | $2,000,000 |
| **TreePeople** | **From Redlining to Greenlining: Planting Justice in SoCal:** This project will plant trees on public and private property trees across communities to maximize environmental benefits such as extreme heat mitigation. This project will use tree planting as a vehicle to engage and empower over 25,000 people in ownership of their urban forest through engagement, education, workforce development, and collaboration. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience | $8,000,000 |
| **Urban Forest Instituite** | **Climate adapted trees for California's disadvantaged communities: closing the loop from seed to sustainable canopy:** This project will secure the resources and training necessary for climate resiliency in disadvantaged communities throughout the state. We will create community-specific lists of climate-adapted tree species, provide resources and training on tree selection and care, and leverage large-scale nurseries to ensure an ongoing supply of appropriate trees for California's future. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $3,773,164 |
| **Watsonville Wetlands Watch** | **Growing Tree Canopy, Climate Resilience, and Green Jobs Pathways in the Pajaro Valley:** This project will build upon the established urban forestry program of Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW). The project will support a tree inventory; increase tree plantings in schools, parks, yards, neighborhoods, and commercial properties; provide job training, certification, and green career pathways for youth and adults. | • Tree Planting & Maintenance<br><br>• Restoration & Resilience<br><br>• Workforce Development<br><br>• Extreme Heat | $3,275,191 |

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