

Focused Technical Assistance City of Camas, Washington

Overview and next steps



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NATURAL RESOURCES

An aerial photograph of a town, likely in a mountainous region, with a semi-transparent text box overlaid at the top. The town features a mix of residential houses, commercial buildings, and green spaces. In the foreground, there's a large, light-colored circular building, possibly a school or community center, surrounded by parking lots. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky.

Our Mission is to:

Provide resources and leadership to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits.



Washington's Urban and Community Forestry Program provides assistance to preserve, plant and manage urban forests and trees for public benefits.

www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry
www.dnrtreelink.wordpress.com



Important links!!



Educational:

- Resources, tools, BMPs, guides, etc.
- Training sessions



Technical:

- Strategies, plans, policies, ordinances, etc.



Financial:

- Arbor Day Reimbursements
- Community Forestry Assistance Grants

Urban Forestry Management Programs

Ingredients for urban forest management

- Urban Tree Canopy Analysis
- Inventory of street and park trees
- Assessment(s) of forested natural areas
- Urban Forest Management Plan based on data
- Annual planting, maintenance, risk assessment
- Annual contracts for tree work
- Ordinances (tree protection, development req's)
- Public engagement (tree board, volunteer events)
- Professional urban forestry staff

Combine ingredients

- There is no recipe!
- Urban forestry is cross-departmental
- Implement based on strengths and opportunities, fill gaps over time.



“Focused Technical Assistance”

- We are piloting a new approach to technical assistance
- Review of city urban forestry activities, opportunities
- Identify specific areas of focus
- Provide more meaningful assistance; multiple touch-points with city over a 12-mo. Period
- Completion of an Urban Tree Canopy Assessment (~\$30K)



Camas Focus Group: Key Takeaways

What needs improvement?

- Capacity: staffing, funding, etc.
- Communication to, and education of stakeholders (public, HOA's, developers, etc)
- Improvements to existing ordinances and policies

What is working well?

- Dedicated staff
- Passionate community members
- Abundant community greenspace
- High environmental quality
- Small-town feel
- Vibrant downtown
- Engaged school district



Next Steps:

- DNR to draft an outline of activities by June 30, 2023; coordinate with city staff
- Develop an MOU between DNR and City of Camas to clarify commitments by June 30, 2023
- Project kick-off on July 1, 2023 (soft launch)



New funding for Urban Forestry in 2024:

\$6,000,000 - WA State Climate Commitment Fund

- A sizeable portion will likely go into grants
- Grants will be available statewide
- Likely some matching funds will be required
- DNR has 2 years to spend dollars starting on July 1, 2023.

2024 Grant Cycle Timeline

- *September-October 2023: Grants advertised*
- *January 2024: Applications due*
- *February: Review and selection of applications*
- *March-June: Grant agreements developed*
- *July 2024: Projects start work*



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Hiring Soon: Eastern Region Technician, Grants Manager, Education & Outreach Specialist, and Urban Forest Policy Specialist



Thank you for your time and attention

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Funding Survey, Intent to Apply for DNR Grant Funds in 2024 Grant Cycle

Survey Closes June 30, 2023





DNR Urban and Community Forestry Grant Interest

This survey will close on June 30th, 2023.

The DNR Urban & Community Forestry Program will receive six million dollars in federal funding from the USDA Forest Service (Inflation Reduction Act funding) and an additional six million dollars from the State of Washington's new Climate Commitment Fund.

At least \$4.5 million in federal funding must be spent in disadvantaged communities identified by the CEJST mapping tool. Awarded projects must benefit the residents living within the areas designated by the map, and there is a full, 100% match waiver for grant funds.

A portion of the Climate Commitment funding will be used for grant-funded urban forestry projects throughout the state, and there will likely be at least a 50% matching requirement (1 dollar of match for every 2 dollars requested).


Local governments, tribes, 501c3 non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and special taxing districts (school

Organization Name *

Contact Name

Contact Email

Contact Phone



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Likelihood of Application

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being 'will submit an application', how likely are you (or your organization) to apply for funding for 2024?

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1

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2

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3

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4

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5

If you would submit an application, what is the amount for which you would like to apply?

How many years would you need to spend that funding?

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1

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2

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