

BPW Background Item 2d - URBAN FORESTRY GRANTS

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

ABOUT

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% of project costs with cash, in-kind contributions and/or donations. Upon completion, the project sponsor requests reimbursement for 50% of eligible costs (501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may request an advance when a grant is awarded).

Projects begin Jan. 1 and must be completed within one calendar year.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND 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.