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FW: Tree Assistance for your community: WDNR urban/community forestry grants (deadline OCT 2nd)

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I apologize if you've received this e-mail twice

Subject: WDNR urban/community forestry grants (deadline OCT 2nd)

My name is Brian Wahl and I am the WDNR Urban and Community Forester serving your area.

Your communities all have trees and these trees can be wonderful assets to your communities.

I know the past years have been tough with trees dying from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Oak Wilt, drought, storm damage etc. and you either need to **remove and/or replant**.

Maybe you have a park, a ball diamond or a new subdivision that could benefit from planting some new trees -

We can help with that –

One of the ways we can assist you is with our WDNR Urban Forestry Grants – (we have a few extra dollars this year so your chances are even higher that your application will be funded)

Note: There is a lot of info here – feel free to just short circuit all this and give me a call or an e-mail to discuss.

Below I provide a quick summary of our two grants, please take a look and then feel free to give me a call if you think you might be interested.

Please note that a resolution* is required to accompany the application. Here is a sample authorizing resolution: [sample/template for authorizing resolution](#).

Simple enough, but I wanted you to have this since you would likely need to have this on your board/council meeting agenda for September. *If you already had your Sept. meeting, we will still take resolutions through mid October, applications though are a hard deadline of Oct 2nd.

The basics:

WDNR Urban and Community Forestry Grants (Applications Due OCT 2nd): <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/urbanforests/grants>

The WDNR Urban Forestry Grants are **50/50 matching reimbursement** grants and come in two basic flavors.

We have:

Start-up grants: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/urbanforests/grants/startup>

-Smaller grants - Max. grant reimbursement is \$5,000 (so total project max \$10,000)

-Geared to new or restarting community forestry programs/projects

-Relatively simple application – really you can have this done in an hour (if you need assistance – reach out)

-Typically less competitive with relatively good chances of application success if project aligns with priorities (especially if you speak with me)

Application and resolution* deadline is Oct. 2nd (grants awarded for 2024)

Regular UF Grants: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/urbanforests/grants/regular>

-Larger – Max grant reimbursement is \$25,000 (so total project max \$50,000)

-Application a bit more in depth

-Competitive – historically and average of about 35% of applicants funded

-Application and resolution* deadline is Oct. 2nd (grants awarded for 2024)

Application guide (also attached): [2024 Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grant Application Guide\(PDF\)](#)

The applications are sometimes tricky to get to open online (especially if you use CHROME) – I have attached a copy (hopefully it will be more cooperative). If you save the file to your desktop and open directly through Adobe – that seems to work best.

Please note the applications for the start-up and the competitive are the same, **but the start-up option blocks you from filling out a majority of the application, therefore it is much shorter/simpler.**

Other non-match tree grants:

Alliant Energy also has grants, though their “branching out” program – they are often required to be planted in a way that provides energy savings benefit to a building – **Application due NOV 1st.**

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/communityprograms/onemilliontrees/communitytreeplantingprogram>

Again, any questions or concerns etc., please reach out. Don't struggle or debate – just ask.

I look forward to speaking with you and **helping simplify the process as much as possible** – I know you are all pressed for time. If you have any question, just e-mail me or call (it's ok if you haven't read through everything yet (most people don't 😊)).

*we realize some of you have already had your meetings for September, therefore we will take the resolution up until we start to rank grants – so Mid October would be just fine. However, grant applications are a hard deadline of OCTOBER 2ND.

Thanks,

Brian

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

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3 attachments

 **UFGrantsApplicationGuide2024.pdf**
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 **UFGrantsCombinedResolution (22).doc**
50K

 **8700-298 WDNR Grant application 2024.pdf**
136K