

URBAN FORESTRY

Authorization: U.S. Public Law 95-313, § 6(b); s. 23.097, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, subchapters I and V, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2007-2008 Fiscal Year = \$529,900
2008-2009 Fiscal Year = \$529,900
Contingent upon availability of federal and state funding.

Objective: To provide technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs.

Eligibility: Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

Level of Assistance: 50% cost sharing of eligible project costs to do approved practices. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000.

Priorities: Developing urban forest strategic and management plans; special focus on communities needing to conduct a tree inventory and/or needing to train their workers, and readiness plans.

Eligible Types of Projects: Conducting street tree inventories, training city tree workers, developing urban open space programs, developing urban forestry strategic or management plans, developing public awareness programs, developing hazard tree or tree health care programs, ordinances and tree planting and maintenance.

Applications: Available upon request from the contact below. Annual submittal deadline is October 1.

History: Authorized in 1993, the urban forestry grant program has awarded \$8.7 million in cost sharing to local governments and nonprofit organizations to support local urban forest management efforts.

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