

# Forestry Division/Arkansas Department of Agriculture: Urban and Community Forestry Grants Announced



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The Forestry Division of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture (“Division”) announced it is accepting applications for the 2020 Urban & Community Forestry Grant program through August 28th.

The grants are stated to available to fund:

. . . community projects that develop, improve, and/or promote urban and community trees and forests.

Grant proposals and awards funds will be assessed by the Division and a grant review committee of the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council which will award funds based on criteria that are stated to include:

- Improvements to a community’s tree management program
- Proposed implementation plan for the project
- Level of community involvement
- Educational components
- Tree care and long-term maintenance planning

The Division states that eligible projects include:

- Community Tree Inventories and Management Plans
- Parking Lot Improvements for Stormwater Runoff
- Tree-Friendly Streets (allowing for root space and canopy growth, adding tree grates, etc.)
- Park Improvements to help reduce sun exposure and cool the air
- Improving Tree Health with tree maintenance and protection plans, soil amendments, mulching, professional pruning and restoration, watering bags and/or irrigation, etc.
- Greenway Development Planning/Urban Stream Restoration (including demonstration areas, feasibility studies, maps, etc.)
- Communication materials that increase public awareness of the benefits of urban forests
- Education and training for tree care workers, volunteers, and the public

The grants are stated to be funded through a \$40,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

A copy of the news release with additional information can be downloaded [here](#).