

**California ReLeaf 2019
Social Equity Forest Improvement
Grant Program**

CYCLE 3 APPLICATION



Empowering grassroots efforts and building strategic partnerships that preserve, protect, and enhance California's urban and community forests.

In cooperation with the
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



Application must be postmarked by October 13, 2019



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Cover Sheet

Grant Applicant: _____

Project Title: _____

Grant Amount Requested: _____

Grant Match: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____ County: _____

Applicant's Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____ Telephone/Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Is the applicant an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit? Yes No Year Founded: _____

Congress Rep(s): _____ Congressional district: _____

State Senator(s): _____ Senate district: _____

Assembly Member(s): _____ Assembly district: _____

(To find out who your representatives are, click on Your Legislature at www.leginfo.ca.gov)

Sponsor: *(Required, if applicant is not an incorporated nonprofit)* _____

Sponsor's Authorized Representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Sponsor is: an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit a public agency other

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Project Details

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW. Briefly describe your organization's mission, goals, programs, and recent accomplishments related to urban forestry.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT. Describe your project and why it is important for your community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. What are the communities served by your project? How will your project engage and reach out to your communities?

EDUCATION. Briefly describe the proposed education activities for the project, including information about the development of education materials and how they will be distributed.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS. How the project will maximize economic benefits for the community? This could include, but not be limited to maximizing access to workforce education, training, and quality jobs to individuals with barriers to employment; and/or maximizing contracting and procurement of goods from local business, businesses located in disadvantaged communities (DACs) or low-income communities (LICs), or minority or women-owned businesses.

OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS. Describe the social and environmental benefits beyond GHG emission reductions that will be achieved with this project (i.e. improved air, heat island mitigation). How will these benefits be reported? How will community members directly benefit from the proposed project in the near and long term?

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES. Please describe the project objectives and how the project will achieve the expected results and proposed outcomes for the proposed tree planting.

OTHER PROJECT DETAILS. Describe methods and approach that will be used, and justify why the methods and approach are the most effective way to accomplish the project’s goals and objectives.



PLANTING DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Location and Description of the Planting Site(s): Please describe the project site location, including physical address, census tract number(s) and proximity to disadvantaged and low-income communities as applicable. Identify condition of the project site(s), such as presence of overhead wires, soil conditions, tree-well dimensions and other existing elements pertinent to the project. Describe any special site preparations that may be required (i.e. protection against vandals, rodents) for the project tree plantings in addition to proposed methods for planting and staking the trees. Please attach project map(s), including marked planting locations, and photographs of planting sites to all copies of your proposal.



Number, Size, and Species of Trees: Please identify trees proposed for planting by size, botanical name, and WUCOLS water usage designation (i.e. M for Moderate).

Maintenance Plan: Please detail the proposed plan for tree maintenance during the grant cycle, including watering, weeding, stake adjustment or removal, and pruning. Identify your source of technical expertise to be utilized for proper planting, and maintaining the project trees. Identify your 3-year maintenance plan for the trees after the grant cycle is completed. Provide target dates for maintenance activities as appropriate.



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Disadvantaged and Low-Income Community Criteria

This project is located in and benefitting a DAC or Low-Income Community because:

- The majority of trees to be planted are publicly accessible within a DAC.
- The majority of trees to be planted are publicly accessible within a Low-Income Community

If you have checked one of the boxes above, please provide additional details as follows:

What percentage of all trees are to be planted within a DAC? _____

What percentage of all trees are to be planted within a Low-Income Community? _____

Where will the other trees be planted:

- Title I schools located within a two-mile radius of one or more DACs.
- Title I schools located within a two-mile radius of one or more Low-Income Communities.
- Public parks and green spaces that are heavily utilized by DAC residents within a two-mile radius.
- Public parks and green spaces that are utilized by Low-Income residents within a two-mile radius.
- Other (explain):

This project is contained within a Low-Income Community that is located within 1/2 mile of a Disadvantaged Community.

What percentage of all trees are to be planted within this Low-Income Community? _____

Other

- This project is not located in and does not provide benefit to a DAC or Low-Income Community

Additional information (optional)



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Itemized Budget and Explanation of Expenses

Grant Applicant: _____

The itemized budget should include the best estimate of costs and matching funds to carry out the proposed project and should include only eligible expenses as set forth in the guidelines (for tree costs, contact nurseries to get estimates).

Matching funds (25% of total project cost) from in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, or monetary contributions other than those derived from the California Climate Investments Program are required. Volunteer assistance in California is currently valued at \$29.95/hour.

The itemized budget form is an Excel spreadsheet that is separate from this application but must be completed and submitted with the application and all relevant attachments. A sample budget is included in the guidelines appendix.

Briefly detail the anticipated costs for the proposed project. Include project expenditures for staff and labor from a disadvantaged community. Also detail and justify any single-item expenditures in excess of \$500 each (i.e. concrete cuts, heavy equipment costs).

Briefly describe how project will meet match requirements as identified above.



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Project Timeline

(List all planned activities related to the project on a quarterly basis)

January 2020

April 2020 *(All non-replacement trees must be planted by May 3, 2020)*

July 2020

October 2020

January 2021

April 2021

July 2021

October 2021

January 2022 *(Project must be completed by December 31st, 2021. Final report due January 30th, 2022)*



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Permission for Planting and Maintenance of Trees

To be completed in conjunction with the owner of the property (i.e. city, county, school or special district) on which the tree planting and maintenance will take place.

This is to certify that _____ ,
(property owner, e.g., city, county, state)

the legal owner of the property located _____
(address or location of property)

_____ ,

hereby grants permission _____
(organization applying for grant)

to plant and maintain trees, for at least three years after all project trees have been planted on said property as described in the project proposal entitled

_____ .

(Signature of property owner's authorized representative)

(Date)

(Title)

(Telephone)

(Print Name of owner's authorized representative)



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**Certification by Certified Arborist,
Registered Professional Forester, or Licensed Landscape Architect**

I, _____, a _____,
(name) (title, e.g., certified arborist, R.P.F., landscape architect)

certify that _____ has selected
(organization applying for grant)

trees of a species and size reaching a minimum height of 25 feet (excluding fruit trees) that are appropriate to the site described in the project proposal entitled:

(project title)

I have visited the proposed planting site, reviewed the maintenance plan, and certify that, if carried out as proposed, this project will ensure the long-term viability of the trees.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Certified Arborist #)

(Telephone)

or

(Registered Professional Forester #)

(Address)

or

(Landscape Architect License #)

(City, State, Zip)