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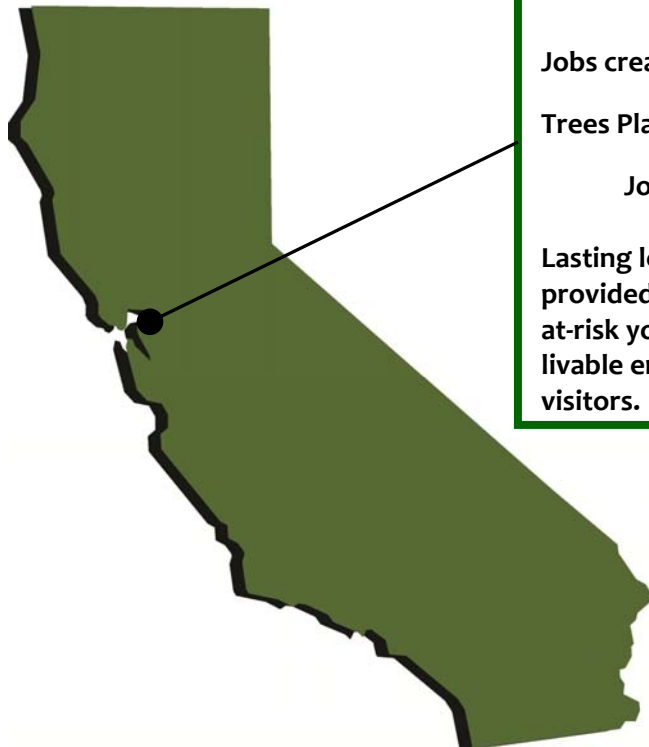


Urban ReLeaf is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which is being administered by California ReLeaf. Urban ReLeaf’s mission is to empower Oakland and Richmond residents including children and youth to beautify their own neighborhoods with the belief that rehabilitation through tree planting and environmental awareness revitalizes our core urban spaces.



The \$200,000 grant for Urban ReLeaf’s Building Communities, One Tree at a Time project will allow this Oakland-based non-profit to plant 600 trees, focusing primarily on the neediest areas of Richmond and Oakland – those particularly deprived of trees, parks, open spaces and other community services. The projects will engage community residents and city stakeholders in supporting urban forestry by holding a communal tree planting and enlisting the help of volunteers from the area.

Finally, this grant will allow for training at-risk and hard-to-employ young people from the Oakland and Richmond area on tree planting and maintenance, such as weeding, mulching, re-mulching, watering, removing litter, re-staking and pruning. Urban ReLeaf will conduct monthly workshops on tree planting as well as on overall environmental stewardship and the benefit of trees to the environment and the community.



### Fast Facts for the Urban ReLeaf ARRA Grant

**Jobs created: 2**

**Jobs Retained: 5**

**Trees Planted: 600**

**Trees Maintained: 1,028**

**Job Hours Contributed to 2010 Work Force: 3,958**

**Lasting legacy: Once completed, this project will have provided critical training in the green jobs sector for Bay Area at-risk youth while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for Richmond and Oakland residents and visitors.**

*“Urban reforestation is critical to changing the quality of environmental health in these communities. Urban ReLeaf’s innovative stewardship approach is the engine promoting environmental restoration in such communities.” – Kemba Shakur, Executive Director, Urban ReLeaf.*

