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Tree Fresno is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by California ReLeaf. Tree Fresno was born during Fresno’s Centennial, when a group of concerned citizens met to discuss the future of Fresno and how to improve it, agreeing that adding beauty to the city through the planting of trees was viable and necessary.



The \$130,000 grant for Tree Fresno’s Tarpey Village project allowed this Central Valley non-profit to replace 341 aging and distressed trees in this unincorporated area of Fresno County Island, while planting an additional 79 trees in El Dorado Park.

The project relied heavily on engaging volunteers, with a significant community-building aspect of the project that encourages residents to take an active role in improving their neighborhood. For this reason, outreach materials that provided multi-lingual tree care education to residents of this economically disadvantaged neighborhood were printed in English, Spanish and Hmong, the languages represented in the Tarpey Village area.



Fast Facts for the Tree Fresno ARRA Grant

Jobs created: 2

Jobs Retained: 4

Trees Planted: 420

Trees Maintained: 5

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 5,314

Lasting legacy: this project provided much-needed beautification and jobs to an area that has been crippled by the recession, and consistently ranks among the top five worst cities in the nation for air quality.

“Our city literally has no budget for trees. We have some of the worst air quality in the nation and here we are in desperate need of trees to clean the air. The residents are thrilled. They are just so grateful for this opportunity.” -- Karen Maroot, Executive Director, Tree Fresno.

