Table of Contents

California ReLeaf.................................................................3
Selection by the US Forest Service........................................4

ARRA Sub-Grant Recipients

California Urban Forests Council........................................5
The City of Chico.....................................................................6
Community Services & Employment Training..........................7
Daly City................................................................................8
Friends of Oakland Parks......................................................9
Friends of the Urban Forest...................................................10
Goleta Valley Beautiful..........................................................11
Hollywood/LA Beautification Team.........................................12
Koreatown Youth and Community Center.............................13
The Los Angeles Conservation Corps.....................................14
North East Tree......................................................................15
Our City Forest.......................................................................16
The City of Porterville...........................................................17
Sacramento Tree Foundation..................................................18
Tree Fresno...........................................................................19
The Urban Corps of San Diego County.................................20
Urban Releaf........................................................................21
California ReLeaf works statewide to promote alliances among community-based groups, individuals, industry, and government agencies, encouraging each to contribute to the livability of our cities and the protection of our environment by planting and caring for trees.

California has more urban and community forestry organizations than any other state. Based on this fact alone, it is clear that trees, green spaces and canopy cover are important to many Californians. Although many people do not think about the full impact a healthy urban forest has on their quality of life, they can appreciate how trees soften the landscape and offer cool shade on a hot day.

California ReLeaf and its Network of urban forestry organizations are vital to California's green urban infrastructure. Together they increase our knowledge about the environmental, economic, and human health benefits of trees in our communities. Since 1992, the California ReLeaf Network has planted over 1.5 million trees and currently represents 30 counties and 75 cities.

Through our public policy and outreach program, California ReLeaf has played a leadership role in preserving and enhancing critical state funding resources essential to sustaining urban forestry, local parks and tree-planting projects. We brought the Urban Forestry Act of 1978 into the 21st Century by sponsoring the successful AB 2045 (De La Torre) in 2008, and continue to support legislative efforts.

Our communication and education program provides assistance and information to individuals and organizations managing urban forests in California communities through a myriad of resources including our website at www.californiareleaf.org, California Trees – a newsletter exploring current issues in urban forestry, and the annual California Urban Forest Conference which brings over 150 professionals together each year to exchange ideas and information about current trends in urban forestry.

Through our urban forestry grant programs, we have distributed more than $9 million to nonprofit and community-based organizations that have completed 790 projects statewide, leveraged more than $11 million in matching funds, planted and maintained more than 200,000 trees, and engaged over 130,000 participants who provided over 345,000 volunteer hours.
California ReLeaf was selected by the US Forest Service in 2009 to administer $6 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) economic stimulus package to support 17 urban forestry projects statewide. Founded in 1989 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2004, California ReLeaf’s mission is to empower grassroots efforts and build strategic partnerships that preserve, protect, and enhance California’s urban and community forests.

The ARRA funds administered through the US Forest Service were a critical component of our mission. Continuing through 2012, these projects resulted in more than 28,000 trees planted, and the creation or retention of more than 380 jobs, plus job training for scores of young people over the next two years. This next generation of California’s labor corps is essential to sustaining and improving our state’s public infrastructure.

These urban forestry projects will provide physical, social, economic and environmental health benefits to California communities for years to come.

**Fast Facts for the California ReLeaf ARRA Grant**

- Jobs created/retained: 381
- Trees Planted: 28,152
- Trees Maintained: 61,609
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 205,706

**Lasting Legacy:** These projects have provided critical training in the public works sector for young adults and at-risk youth while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for California residents and visitors.

“Through these projects, we are putting people to work today while greening our Golden State – and we desperately need both. There is not a better win-win around for California”

- Sandy Macias, Program Manager for Urban and Community Forestry at the US Forest Pacific Southwest Region, and Joe Liszewski, Executive Director for California ReLeaf
California Urban Forests Council’s (CaUFC) vision is that California’s communities are cleaner, healthier and more prosperous through collaborative action and investments in urban forests and urban greening.

The $400,000 grant for CaUFC’s United Voices for Healthier Communities Program allowed this San Rafael-based non-profit to partner with others in staging a one-day statewide tree planting event that took place on October 23rd, 2010 in three regions of the state: San Diego, Central Coast and the San Joaquin Valley. Tree-planting locations were designated through a comprehensive process targeting cities, counties, community, and service groups that were called on to help plan and implement the event. Volunteers were key in the planting effort.

The project also included components for leveraging additional ARRA funding, outreach and education and job training, retention and creation.

“For children and families, supportive environments are needed that encourage positive behaviors and provide a respite for the challenges of urban life. This project contributes to that goal.”

- Nancy Hughes
  Executive Director, California Urban Forests Council

---

**Fast Facts for the California Urban Forests Council ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Created/Retained: 32
- Trees Planted: 5,358
- Trees Maintained: 789
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 16,840

**Lasting Legacy:** This project provided critical training in the green jobs sector for at-risk youth while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for residents of and visitors to San Diego, the San Joaquin Valley and the Central Coast.
The City of Chico is responsible for management and upkeep of Bidwell Park – a 3,670 acre recreation area within Chico that is considered one of the largest municipal parks in the United States.

The $100,000 grant for the Bidwell Park Tree Pruning Project allowed the City of Chico, which like most cities in California has experienced severe budgetary problems, to hire a pruning contractor – who in turn hired county residents to prune the aging Bidwell park trees over high use areas.

A large portion of Bidwell Park is located within an old growth riparian forest that includes a number of heritage valley oaks and sycamores, some as old as 200 or 300 years and as tall as 100 feet. Because of their advanced age, many are decayed, cracked and defected, posing a potential danger to visitors to the park. The pruning helped to increase the life span of the trees, allowing the old trees to provide for wildlife habitat, regeneration and climate control as well as produce new seedlings and shelter young regenerating trees.

Fast Facts for the City of Chico's ARRA Grant

- Jobs Created/Retained: 3
- Trees Maintained: 233
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 1,538

**Lasting Legacy:** This project has made Bidwell Park safer for visitors who come throughout the year for either a cool swim in Sycamore pool, or to enjoy the hiking, biking and horseback riding permitted throughout this expansive recreation area.

“The purpose is to preserve the trees for as long as possible, while new young trees are growing throughout the rest of the forest. But the unique character and continued regeneration of the forest depends on these original trees.”

- Denice Britton
  Urban Forest Manager for the City of Chico
Community Services & Employment Training's (CSET) mission is to strengthen youth, families, and communities and reduce the causes of poverty by envisioning healthy, prosperous, and safe communities - communities where children want to live when they grow up.

The $200,000 grant for CSET’s Visalia/Porterville Tree Planting Project provided for a multi-faceted project in which members of the Sequoia Community Corps worked to build a better urban forest in these two Tulare County cities.

In Visalia, corps members assisted the City in its efforts to restore native Valley Oak riparian forests along creeks and ponding basins that were devoid of vegetation; as well as retrofitted downtown tree wells to better accommodate buttress root growth while reducing hardscape damage.

In Porterville, corps members planted Valley Oaks, installed irrigation and resurfaced about 2,500 feet of trail along Porter Slough; as well as planted Valley Oaks and installed irrigation at the new Porterville Sports Complex in order to provide shade and screening.

“We are taking youth that are on the fringe of being employable, at-risk youth, and giving them training while at the same time they are required to complete their diploma, which makes them competitive in the job market.”

- Nathan Higgins
CSET, Project Manager

Fast Facts for the CSET ARRA Grant

Jobs Created/Retained: 17
Trees Planted: 589
Trees Maintained: 1114

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 9,090

Lasting Legacy: This project restored several elements of Tulare County’s Valley Oak riparian forests while also providing job training and educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged young people aged 18 to 24.
Daly City’s Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for management and upkeep of the City’s 4,000-tree urban forest, most of which was planted between 1950 and 1979.

The $100,000 grant provided the City of Daly City with funding to remove aging trees from its urban forest as well as plant 140 new trees. In addition, the project allowed city staff to work with volunteers to provide educational programs to local schools, continue with an established Arbor Day program, qualify for an additional year of Tree City USA status and share the Master Composter program with the Daly City community.

At the same time, the grant also allowed the department to continue to work with local schools to expand education and outreach programs in this densely-populated urban area. The program taught elementary and secondary school children about the urban forest and how to plant and care for trees.

**Fast Facts for the City of Daly City’s ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Created/Retained: 13
- Trees Planted: 140
- Trees Maintained: 535

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 6,878

**Lasting Legacy:** This project restored and enhanced the City’s urban forest with trees that can survive the foggy, salt-laden cold air of the Bay Area while providing protection and shelter from the strong winds and beauty to the landscape.

“Removing aging pine trees stricken with pitch canker is the project’s first priority. As fast as we can, we are taking them down before they fall down. We need something that we know will fight the weather here.”

-- Dennis Bray
Daly City Park Services Supervisor
Friends of Oakland Parks’ (FOPR) mission is to improve the quality of life for all of Oakland’s citizens by generating funding and support for projects and programs that enhance and supplement the recreational, environmental, educational, and leisure activities offered through the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation.

This $130,000 grant allowed Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation to collaborate with the West Oakland Greening Initiative to enhance the West Oakland community – a mix of heavy commercial and residential use – by planting more than 500 trees on city-right-of-way property and public parks.

The project also includes public education events as part of Martin Luther King Day and Earth Day celebrations. These highlighted the goals of the project, and explained how community and business members could get involved.

In addition, West Oakland-based young people ages 18 through 24 from CiviCorps were trained and hired to assist Friends of Oakland Parks in West Oakland tree plantings.

Fast Facts for the Friends of Oakland Parks ARRA Grant

- Jobs Created/Retained: 3.5
- Trees Planted: 519
- Trees Maintained: 230
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 1863

Lasting Legacy: This project provided employment and training in the green jobs sector for West Oakland-based young adults while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for Oakland residents and visitors.

“We are working to support a sustainable, thriving and attractive urban forest, composed of a wide spectrum of trees, shrubs, ground cover and other vegetation. By striving to use local talent, resources and labor, we are promoting commerce and industry along with the well-being of the community.”

– Thomas McCoy
Co-chair, West Oakland Reforestation Project
Friends of the Urban Forest’s (FUF) mission is to promote a larger, healthier urban forest as part of the urban ecosystem, through community planting, maintenance, education and advocacy.

The $750,000 grant for FUF’s Urban Tree Planting and Youth Tree Care Program allowed this San Francisco-based non-profit to support its three core programs: community tree planting, tree care and educational outreach.

The tree care component provided for site visits to each tree during the critical first three years of growth and included an overall assessment of the tree’s health as well as structural pruning, re-staking and pest and disease inspection.

This grant also provided for the FUF Youth Tree Care Program, which gives training, experience and employment to more than 80 low-income and at-risk youth ages 14 to 18. These kids come primarily from underserved and environmentally neglected areas of the city, and are provided the opportunity to learn about valuable tree care and maintenance techniques.

Fast Facts for the Friends of the Urban Forest ARRA Grant

- Jobs Created/Retained: 52
- Trees Planted: 2,455
- Trees Maintained: 5,756
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 27,084

“By the end of the grant period, we expect our youth to be responsible for roughly one-third of the tree care and maintenance performed by FUF – close to 2,000 trees.” -- Doug Wildman, Program Director, FUF
Goleta Valley Beautiful’s (GVB) mission is to ensure and improve the beauty of the Goleta Valley by providing urban forest services in all areas west of the Santa Barbara City line, including Hope Ranch, Goleta Valley, Isla Vista, Rancho Embarcadero and the City of Goleta.

The $100,000 grant for GVB’s Goleta Valley Greening Project allowed this central coast non-profit to employ young adults from the California Conservation Corps and local youth group Palabra to plant 375 trees, remove exotic plant species, install irrigation and provide tree maintenance in the City of Goleta, the University of California at Santa Barbara and in four area schools. GVB provided corps members with field training to demonstrate the correct techniques for success in urban forestry to supplement their rural forestry skills. The project also included installing root shields where required.

Thirteen different species of native and Mediterranean climate trees were utilized, with most trees grown by the organization from seeds and shoots found in the watersheds near where they were planted.

“ARRA provided the means to have the next generation of youth learn the value of community service, and allow us to teach them the best ways to plant and care for public trees.”

-- Kenneth Knight, Executive Director
Goleta Valley Beautiful

Fast Facts for the Goleta Valley Beautiful ARRA Grant

Jobs Created/Retained: 36
Trees Planted: 375
Trees Maintained: 1,943

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 3,885
Hollywood/LA Beautification Team’s (HBT) mission is to enhance the quality of life in Los Angeles by teaching and empowering people to change their environments through community capacity building, physical improvements and job creation.

The $450,000 grant for HBT’s Planting for Knowledge Project allowed this Los Angeles County non-profit to provide practical urban forestry training and education to low-income and unemployed residents. In addition, this grant allowed HBT to increase and improve the health of the Los Angeles urban forest as part of the City’s Million Trees L.A. campaign. Community outreach and engagement/education is a fundamental part of HBT’s plantings. Furthering community involvement builds support for the L.A. Urban Forest.

“In the area of on-the-job training, the program will benefit a minimum of 40 residents of urban Los Angeles by providing valuable skills and experience in the green industries.”

– Sharyn Romano
Chief Executive Officer
Hollywood/LA Beautification Team

928 new shade trees were planted along major corridors, residential neighborhoods and open spaces. This grant also provided for a significant tree maintenance program to care for the new trees supported by the grant as well as for an existing 1,328 trees.

Fast Facts for the HBT ARRA Grant

Jobs Created/Retained: 30
Trees Planted: 928
Trees Maintained: 1,743
Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 15,680
Koreatown Youth and Community Center’s (KYCC) mission is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community through programs and services directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families that promote community socio-economic empowerment.

The $138,000 grant for KYCC’s Expo Line Tree Planting Project allowed this Los Angeles County non-profit to plant more than 500 trees within about a mile of the recently-completed Exposition Light Rail Transit Line. The project will mitigate for some of the increased pollution flowing into urban neighborhoods that will house new stations and parking lots accompanying the Expo line.

The plantings also provide a measure of safety to pedestrians along the Expo Line alignment by providing a buffer between pedestrians and the heavy vehicle traffic throughout the alignment.

**Fast Facts for the KYCC ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Created/Retained: 12
- Trees Planted: 581
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 6,042

**Lasting Legacy:** This project will minimize the urban heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, clean the air, and lessen other impacts to local communities as a direct result of the Expo Line alignment.

“This project has been very beneficial to the community. The single act of the addition of trees has completely transformed some neighborhoods.”

– Byron Shinyama
Director of Community Development Services
KYCC
The Los Angeles Conservation Corps’ (LACC) mission is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success by providing them with job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

The $500,000 grant for LACC’s Nurturing Tomorrow’s Urban Forest Through Job Training Today Program assisted this Los Angeles County non-profit in recruiting and training nearly 80 young adults, ages 18 to 24, in how to plant and care for the urban forest. Corps members planted more than 1,000 trees, primarily in some of Los Angeles’ most disadvantaged and underserved neighborhoods, many of which Corps members call home. In addition, Corps members built tree wells, provided corrective pruning and other maintenance, watered young trees and removed stakes from established trees.

Once Corps members complete the program, they receive job placement assistance from the LACC in the arboriculture and urban forestry industries.

“We’re targeting areas that have the lowest canopy and also have the highest unemployment rates, poverty levels and high school dropouts - not surprisingly, they coincide.”

– Dan Knapp
Deputy Director, Los Angeles Conservation Corps
North East Tree’s mission is to restore our natural habitat in resource challenged communities through a collaborative resource development, implementation, and stewardship process.

This $500,000 grant augmented North East Trees’ Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) program, providing on-the-job training for about 90 young environmental stewards. In addition to the on-the-job training the YES participants received, the grant also provided for classroom instruction in native planting and plant identification, arboriculture, and urban forestry concepts.

Participants planted more than 2,500 trees at various public housing facilities throughout LA, and at several public parks in an effort to help create sustainable open space, including Porter Ridge Park, Eddleston Park, O’Melveny Park, and Wilson Canyon Park. Finally, this project restored much of the urban forest lost in the devastating 11,000 acre Sayre fire in 2008 by planting 1,000 trees and large shrubs to help bring this public park land back to life.

"This project is critical for restoring much of the urban forest lost in the devastating 11,000 acre Sayre fire in 2008. We’re planting 1,000 trees and large shrubs to help bring this public park land back to life.”

-Hannan Awad
Programs Director, North East Trees

**Fast Facts for the North East Trees ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Created/Retained: 24
- Trees Planted: 2,516
- Trees Maintained: 1,020
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 12,229
Our City Forest’s mission is to cultivate a green and healthy San José metropolis by engaging community members in the appreciation, protection, growth and maintenance of their urban ecosystem, especially their urban forest.

The $750,000 grant to this San José-based non-profit helped implement the initial phase of Our City Forest’s 100K Trees Project – an integral part of San José’s Green Vision of planning for economic growth, environmental stability, and enhanced quality of life for the community. Project work included strengthening citywide support, providing urban forestry outreach and education, and creating a job training program for about 350 at-risk youth. In addition, the grant supported the planting of over 4,000 trees and the care of an additional 11,000 trees.

Finally, the grant included funding to assist the start up of a tree nursery where Our City Forest has begun cultivating 6,000 trees on donated land.

Fast Facts for the Our City Forest ARRA Grant

- Jobs Created/Retained: 55
- Trees Planted: 4,297
- Trees Maintained: 10,950
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 28,553

“In addition to helping low-income neighborhoods with such benefits as cleaner air and shade, the job training component of this program ultimately impacted the high unemployment rate in San José, where it remains at over 12 percent.”

-Misty Mersich
Program Manager, Our City Forest
The City of Porterville’s Parks and Leisure Services is responsible for managing the Porterville Heritage Center Trailway which provides an alternative transportation and pedestrian link from an economically disadvantaged neighborhood to the commercial core of the city.

The $100,000 grant for Porterville’s Heritage Center Trailway Project and Urban Tree Planting and Youth Tree Care Program allowed this Tulare County-based local agency to design, install, irrigate and maintain about 170 trees along the trailway, providing shade in the summer heat and a pleasant environment for trailway users.

The grant also allowed the City of Porterville to prune about 350 existing public urban forest trees, removing mistletoe and shaping the trees. Formerly a railroad right-of-way, the city has spent about 10 years and $4 million in block grants, economic stimulus funds and other grants renovating the site, which now includes parking and picnic areas, a community center and an elementary school.

The extension has provided an alternative transportation and pedestrian linkage from an economically disadvantaged residential neighborhood into the commercial core of the City. Additionally, adjacent to the extension, is the construction for the new South County Justice Center. The City is looking forward to the new courthouse, and the Heritage Center Trailway Extension provides an excellent amenity for the public draw the courthouse will bring.

“The Heritage Center Trailway is a tremendous resource for Porterville residents. This project is a much-needed compliment to the City’s 13,000-tree urban forest.”

-- Milt Stowe
Director of Parks & Leisure Services
City of Porterville

---

**Fast Facts for the City of Porterville ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Maintained: 2
- Trees Planted: 168
- Trees Maintained: 358
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 916

**Lasting Legacy:** This project completed a decade-long vision held by the City that a well-shaded and environmentally healthy trailway enhances recreational opportunities while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for Porterville residents and visitors.
Sacramento Tree Foundation’s (STF) vision is to grow healthy, livable communities in the Sacramento region by building the best regional urban forest in the nation.

This $750,000 grant supported the Sacramento Tree Foundation’s efforts to advance its regional Greenprint initiative, adding about 7,500 trees on public lands and advancing the initiative’s focus on tree planting and care, citizen involvement and education, public-private partnerships and securing long-term investments in the urban forest.

The Tree Foundation educated thousands of elementary school students on the planting and care of native oaks as well as enlisting the help of over 6,700 volunteers to help with planting the trees.

"The Greenprint initiative is a unique regional approach to plant and sustain 5 million trees in the greater Sacramento area. We hope that other regions will see it as a model and adopt similar initiatives throughout the country."

-- Ray Tretheway, Executive Director
Sacramento Tree Foundation

**Fast Facts for the Sacramento Tree Foundation ARRA Grant**

Jobs Created/Retained: 41
Trees Planted: 7,530
Trees Maintained: 2,350

Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 21,292

**Lasting Legacy:** This project educated 400,000 area residents on the benefits of trees and best practices for tree planting and care.
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/Retained: 7  
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
The Urban Corps of San Diego County’s (UCSDC) mission is to provide job training and educational opportunities to young adults, in the fields of conservation, recycling, and community service which will assist these youths in becoming more employable, while protecting San Diego’s natural resources and instilling the importance of community involvement.

The $167,000 grant for UCSDC’s Woods to the Hoods project allowed the Urban Corps to plant almost 700 trees in three low-income, high-crime, and severely underserved Redevelopment Areas within San Diego. Combined, the three areas -- Barrio Logan, City Heights and San Ysidro -- represent mixed-use neighborhoods of light industrial businesses and homes, near ship repair facilities and shipyards; and one of the busiest border crossings in the world, with more than 17 million vehicles crossing daily between the U.S. and Mexico.

Corps members not only be gained valuable on-the-job training as part of this project, but also worked closely with the people and businesses in the targeted neighborhoods with the goal of improving air quality, adding shade and enhancing the livability of these areas.

Fast Facts for the UCSDC ARRA Grant

- Jobs Created/Retained: 23
- Trees Planted: 682
- Trees Maintained: 1851
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 11,717

“In addition to the benefits of trees in mitigating pollution and beautifying an area, tree planting and the care and maintenance of trees is a wonderful way for neighbors to come together in support of their communities.”

– Sam Lopez
Director of Operations, Urban Corps of San Diego County
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 core urban spaces.

The $200,000 grant for Urban ReLeaf’s Building Communities: One Tree at a Time project allowed this Oakland-based non-profit to plant nearly 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 engaged community residents and city stakeholders in supporting urban forestry by holding communal tree plantings and enlisting the help of volunteers from the area.

Finally, this grant allowed 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 conducted monthly workshops on tree planting, overall environmental stewardship, and the benefit of trees to the environment and the community.

**Fast Facts for the Urban ReLeaf ARRA Grant**

- Jobs Created/Retained: 21
- Trees Planted: 580
- Trees Maintained: 2,250
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 10,861

“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
In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.