



## ARBOR WEEK PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW

California ReLeaf has released a Request for Proposals for our 2020 Arbor Week Grant Program to tree planting projects across California. Applications are due no later than Sunday, March 22, 2020.

The 2020 Arbor Week Extended Grant Program is funded by a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Climate Investments Program to support projects that combat climate change. All funded projects must reduce greenhouse gasses, with emphasis on supporting projects located in disadvantaged communities as defined by CalEnviroScreen 2.0.

### FAST FACTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Program provides greenhouse gas reduction benefits by supporting nonprofit and community-based organizations with funding for tree planting projects that bolster and further celebrate California Arbor Week.
- Eligible Applicants are incorporated nonprofit organizations and unincorporated community-based groups (with a fiscal sponsor) outside the Southern California Service Area, but located in California. Nonprofits awarded funding under CAL FIRE's "Urban Forest Expansion and Improvement" Grant Program in 2017 or California ReLeaf's "Forest Improvement" Grant Program in 2018 are ineligible to apply.
- Eligible Costs include costs for the planting of trees and limited related green infrastructure, community education and engagement costs, personnel, contractors and consultants, direct and indirect administrative costs.
- Awards range from \$4,000 to \$5,000, with a minimum 15 tree planting requirement.
- A 25% matching fund component is required (all of which can be met through volunteer assistance).
- Grant payments will be made on a one-time reimbursement basis for actual expenses incurred based on receipts. Grant recipients will be required to use their own funds to cover expenses until invoices are reimbursed by California ReLeaf, which may take up to 90 days.
- Deadline to submit an application is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
- Successful applicants will be notified of award by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Awarded grants will support projects through Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- A final report highlighting trees planted, and a qualitative summary of the project is due no later than Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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