



URBAN FOREST PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW

California ReLeaf has released a Request for Proposals for Cycle 2 Treecovery Grant Program, with more than \$600,000 in funding for tree planting projects across California. Applications are due no later than Monday, January 31, 2022.

Cycle 2 of the Treecovery Grant Program is funded by a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), which received money in the 2019-20 State Budget from the California Climate Investments Program to support projects that combat climate change. This program provides greenhouse gas reduction benefits by supporting nonprofit and community-based organizations with funding for tree planting projects that meet the critical need of reducing Greenhouse Gasses (GHGs) while simultaneously addressing other statutory and regulatory requirements developed by CAL FIRE, the California Air Resources Board, the State Legislature, and other state agencies.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Eligible Applicants are incorporated nonprofit organizations and unincorporated community-based groups (with a fiscal sponsor) located in California.
- Eligible Costs include costs for the planting of trees and limited related green infrastructure, the maintenance of these project plantings during the grant period, community education and engagement costs, personnel, contractors and consultants, direct and indirect administrative costs.
- Awards range from \$10,000 to \$90,000.
- A sliding scale matching fund component of 10% - 25% is required (all of which can be met through in-kind contributions and volunteer assistance).
- Deadline to submit an application is Monday, January 31, 2022.
- Successful applicants will be notified of award by Friday, April 15, 2022.
- Awarded grants will support projects through Sunday, December 31, 2023.
- Grant payments will be made on a 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 45 days. Reimbursements will be made on a quarterly basis, but may occur monthly under special circumstances.
- Quarterly reports highlighting project status, trees planted, and a qualitative summary of benefits and GHG emissions are required. A final report is due January 20, 2024.

Please direct questions regarding the program to Amelia Oliver at California ReLeaf, grantadmin@californiareleaf.org.