

Urban Greening & Urban Forestry: Education Grant

2008/2009

Request for Proposals



**State of California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Urban Forestry Program**



Grant program made Pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978
(Public Resources Code 4799.06 – 4799.12)

Grant Funds made available from:

Proposition 40, California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002

Proposition 84, Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006

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The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has set aside approximately \$1,000,000 to provide grants to cities, counties, districts, or qualified nonprofit organizations that wish to create or implement an Urban Greening or Urban Forestry Education program.

Practices that can be funded:

This grant will fund the development and implementation of an educational program based upon and showcasing the many positive benefits of Urban Greening or Urban Forestry. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, qualifying districts, or nonprofit organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (PRC 5096.605). Districts include, but are not limited to, school, park, recreation, water, and local taxing districts.

Conditions:

All of the following conditions must be met for a proposed education project to be eligible for a grant:

- Grant requests must be for the creation and development of an educational program that showcases the benefits of sustainable vegetation in urban areas.
- Amount requested must not exceed \$150,000.
- A project must be located in, or immediately adjacent to, an “urban area” or “urban cluster” as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. (http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html)
- The project has a commitment for active participation from one or more of the following: local residents, local business, local nonprofit group or local government.
- The applicant has complied (and will comply) in all respects with all applicable local and county ordinances, and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including The California Environmental Quality Act.

Cost share:

These grants are to share the cost of eligible urban forestry projects. The proportion of the project’s cost funded by CAL FIRE-Urban Forestry shall not be greater than **65%**. Matching contributions required as a condition of grants made pursuant to this section may be made in the form of material, services, or equipment, as well as funds.

This grant cannot finance any undertaking or complete any practice designed to supplant rather than supplement existing local agency activities. Such ineligible practices shall consist of any request that CAL FIRE furnish grants to take the

place of a regular or ongoing fiscal commitment to a program or project by a local government.

For projects that include a tree planting component, not more than 15% of grant funds may be used for tree planting and initial maintenance. Tree planting as part of the overall project can be shown as project match dollars by the applicant.

Application:

Concept Proposals must be submitted by midnight of **October 24, 2008**.

The Concept Proposal Application can be found at <http://www.ufe.org/grantinfo.lasso> and http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/urbanforestry

Using the submit button at the end of the form field will submit your application electronically.

Project Timeline:

Projects Completed By March 1, 2011

Projects Closed –
No Reimbursement Possible After June 30, 2011

Procedural Guidelines:

Please review the Procedural Guide posted at <http://www.ufe.org/grantinfo.lasso> and http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/urbanforestry