

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

\$1.5 Billion to Expand Tree Canopy and Access to Nature

100% of Benefits Will Flow to Communities in Greatest Need

Urban and Community Forestry Grants, authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, provide funding to community-based organizations, Tribes, State and local agencies, public colleges and universities, and non-profits working to provide equitable access to trees and nature and the benefits they provide to urban communities.



1 Investing in a Healthier Future for America

385 grants were awarded to 50 states, 2 territories, 3 U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands, and multiple Tribal communities with 100% of benefits flowing to those in greatest need.

2 Expanding Tree Canopy in our Communities

Benefiting cities, towns, villages, non-profit organizations, Tribes, community and faith-based organizations, and minority serving institutions.

3 The Benefits of Trees in our Communities

Trees mitigate extreme heat, conserve energy, provide shade, absorb storm water, create wildlife habitat, and filter air and water. An urban tree canopy leads to better health outcomes, economic opportunities and jobs, and increased property values.

4 Confronting the Growing Threat of Extreme Heat and Climate Change

July 2023 was the hottest month on record in communities around the country. Research has shown tree canopy cover reduces temperatures 11–19 °F compared to communities with no tree cover.

Urban and Community Forestry FY 2023 IRA Grant Allocations in Millions of Dollars

The USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded more than \$1 billion to fund projects that support urban communities through equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide. The funding was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act.

