



2020 NYS Urban Forestry Council Tree City USA Reward Grant Notice

The **NYS Urban Forestry Council** is pleased to announce available funding for communities to plant large specimen trees or a grove of trees in a prominent location within the community. Communities in New York State that have been a Tree City USA for at least the past five years can apply for up to \$1,000. Funding has been provided by the New York State Urban Forestry Council.

Grant Goals:

The intent of this grant is to encourage municipalities to sustain their community forestry program and maintain their status as a Tree City USA Community through a celebratory tree planting.

[Tree City USA](#) is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation. Please note that this grant is not associated with the Arbor Day Foundation, nor is it part of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program funded by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund.

Eligibility:

Communities are eligible if they have attained Tree City USA status and have maintained it for at least the past five years. Not-for-profits that work with such TCUSA communities are also eligible.

Eligible projects include

- planting a large specimen tree in a prominent site within the community, accessible to the public
- planting a grove of medium sized trees in a prominent site within the community, accessible to the public
- an event to celebrate the community's Tree City USA status and ongoing community forestry program

Eligible expenses may include but are not limited to trees, mulch, soil, event related costs like advertising. We recognize that large public gatherings are not the best option right now, so we encourage your creativity in sharing your celebration via social media, local publications, websites, or small gatherings where possible.

Eligible projects must be scheduled for the Fall of 2020 or the Spring of 2021.

Selection Process:

Applications will be scored competitively and awarded from highest to lowest until the funding is depleted.



Please note: This is a reimbursement grant. Funds will be paid once a final report is submitted. The final report should include a brief summary of event, photos, receipts for expenditures, and copies of materials or links to postings related to the event/planting.

Deadlines and how to apply:

Applications are due by **5pm on September 14, 2020** (see attached application).

Send completed applications to: **NYS Urban Forestry Council, PO Box 562, Lima, NY 14485**
or via email to nysufc@gmail.com (please put all information into one attachment).

Award recipients will be notified by September 30th.

If you have questions about your project or this grant opportunity, please contact a grant committee member listed in this notice. Also, we would like to join in your celebration by having a grant committee member and/or other Council member attend your event.

Thank you for your interest in trees and improving the environment within your community!

Sincerely,

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Resource Websites

- NYS Urban Forestry Council (*questions, contacts, references*) <http://nysufc.org>
- Tree Planting resources: (*tree species selections, planting suggestions*) <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/recurbtrees/pdfs/~recurbtrees.pdf>
- Cornell University, Urban Horticulture Institute website (*tree species info, planting suggestions*) <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/>
- Arbor Day Foundation (*tree species info, starting tree boards, Arbor day programs*) <http://www.arborday.org/>
- NYS DEC (*Regional offices, contacts, etc.*) <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html>
- National Grid's "10,000 Trees...and Growing" program (*tree species, planting suggestions*) https://www.nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/safety/cm4494_treesafety.pdf



Tree City USA Reward Grant Application

Name of Municipality or non-profit entity: _____

Project Contact: _____

Address: _____

Email & Phone: _____

Municipal contact: _____

Address: _____

Email & Phone: _____

Signature of municipal official: _____

Title of municipal official: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE:

- **Date of Planting Event:** _____
- **Participants:** List potential participants and how you will involve the public in your event and/or how you will share news of the event.
- **Description of Project:** Include a brief description of your proposed project and why you should receive this grant. Include genus, species, and size of tree(s) to be planted. You are encouraged to contact a Grant Committee member, NYS DEC forester or ISA Certified Arborist for assistance. Let us know in your application if you do this. Points are given for it.
- **Photos:** Please include 1-4 pictures representative of the site(s) where you will be planting and describe the location.
- **Budget:** Describe how you will spend the grant funds by listing estimated costs (purchase of tree, necessary supplies, etc.)
- **Establishment Plan:** THIS IS CRITICAL! Include a detailed plan for successful establishment of the tree(s) indicating who will be responsible for watering, weeding, mulching, and any other measures that will lead to successful establishment and a thriving tree(s).

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