

U. S. FOREST SERVICE: URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

2009 Special Focus Challenge Cost-Share Program: Outreach Urban Forest Conference Scholarship Grants

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Is this project being developed to reach a minority or underserved population? ___ Yes X No

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___ Yes X No

PROJECT TITLE: *City Teams: Engaging Nontraditional Partners in Urban and Community Forestry*

FUNDING REQUEST: Must be a dollar for dollar match of funds requested.

REQUESTED: \$ 100,000.00 + MATCHING: \$ 176,166.00= TOTAL PROJECT: \$ 276,166.00

Partners:

<i>Utility Arborist Association</i>	<i>Society of Municipal Arborists</i>	<i>Alliance for Community Trees</i>
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Abstract:

The Arbor Day Foundation's Partners in Community Forestry (PCF) National Conference engages the core of the urban forestry community, bringing together a diverse group of urban forest partners. The PCF conference serves as a platform for U&CF leadership, offers direction in key strategic priorities, and ensures meaningful tech transfer and dissemination for important U&CF research. The Foundation, in cooperation with the Alliance for Community Trees (ACT), Utility Arborist Association (UAA), and the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA), proposes to involve new, diverse partners in the conference through a targeted, purposeful outreach to underrepresented constituencies.

Through this proposal, ACT, UAA, and SMA would each reach out to minority or underrepresented urban forest stakeholder groups by engaging five first-time attendees to join them at the PCF Conference. The proposal would require the groups to develop and foster a working relationship back in their own community by implementing key conference learnings and plans for future projects. The proposal would also encourage attendance at the following year's conference and a joint presentation on their partnership.

Scope/Applicability/Justification: The Partners in Community Forestry (PCF) National Conference, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation, is the only annual urban forestry conference with a primary mission of engaging a comprehensive group of urban forest constituents to encourage partnerships, collaboration and learning in the advancement of community trees. The Conference annually engages a variety of urban forest professionals, volunteers, elected leaders, and educators in promoting the benefits of community trees, and the importance of trees in healthy, livable communities. The objective of this grant proposal is to increase and strengthen the scope of the Conference's collaboration and partnership building by working with core urban forestry professional associations (Alliance for Community Trees, Utility Arborist Association and Society of Municipal Arborists) to engage nontraditional partners that have a stake in urban forestry, but are not involved in day-to-day management or are not specifically engaged in promoting or advancing community trees. This project will provide scholarships for 21 nontraditional partners to attend the 2010 and 2011 PCF Conferences along with a local urban forestry professional. These "City Teams" (city-specific partnerships between traditional and non-traditional urban forestry professionals) will foster new collaborations, ensure local accountability, and ultimately lead to new allies and new models of urban forest management and advancement across the nation.

The national target audience for this project will reflect the innovative outreach and team building efforts of the urban forestry professional associations. We anticipate a wide variety of nontraditional partnership proposals that address opportunities unique to a community's urban forest needs and goals. Recognizing the importance of this flexibility, we anticipate a nontraditional audience that includes, but is not limited to: city planners; civic engineers; academic researchers; social scientists; Chambers of Commerce; youth-based organization; development and construction professionals; members of the education community; neighborhood organizations; minority groups; religious organizations; parenting groups; service groups; Sierra Club Climate Communities; cities participating in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense; National Association of County Officials; National League of Cities; elected officials; city sustainability officers.

There will be significant benefits for a number of organizations from the success of this project, including the core urban forestry constituencies. The expansion of the urban forestry community to include new and diverse participants and organizations creates a larger network of individuals to maintain, restore, and improve our nation's urban forests, through shared resources.

Educational Program: The Partners in Community Forestry National Conference is the only annual urban forestry conference that purposefully engages a broad array of constituencies for the purpose of fostering collaboration, partnerships and continuing education. The Conference, now in its third year, will be held in November of each of our project years. The list of cooperating organizations for the Conference is extensive and includes many core urban and community forestry (U&CF) advocates from across the nation, including: International Society of Arboriculture; the USDA Forest Service – Urban Forestry; the National Association of State Foresters; the Alliance for Community Trees; the American Public Works Association; the

American Society of Landscape Architects; the National Association of Home Builders; Keep America Beautiful; the U.S. Conference of Mayors; the Center for Watershed Protection; the Center for City Park Excellence; the Trust for Public Land; the City Parks Alliance; the Utility Arborist Association; Southface; Professional Grounds Maintenance Society; and Tree Canada.

The Conference offers general and concurrent sessions, covering a broad array of urban forestry topics that will appeal to the scholarship recipients, including: Community Tree Management, Trees and Development, Trees and Social Issues, and Trees and Utilities. The diversity of the presentations appeals to both the traditional and non-traditional professionals and volunteers who have an interest or influence in our community forests.

The PCF National Conference has a demonstrated record of providing significant and impactful opportunities for networking and connecting stakeholders in urban forestry. It is a sustainable program that allows U&CF advocates to connect with peers, gain greater insight on urban forestry and related issues, expand relationships under a shared mission, and also exposes participants to new partnership opportunities. Attendees are provided the opportunity to: take home new ideas and project models to implement at home; share unique approaches to urban and community forestry planning, funding, and cooperation; develop community awareness, acceptance, and involvement in greening projects and tree planting programs; find creative applications of trees and green space in new development, retrofit projects, and urban areas; and hear about engaging the next generation of community forestry advocates. The Conference offers a high profile platform to advance key U&CF issues, and also provides significant opportunity for the dissemination of best practices models in urban forestry research, technology, and program delivery.

Started in 2007, the Conference averages 300 attendees. A variety of professionals attend, including: teachers; urban foresters; municipal foresters; Urban and Community Forestry State Coordinators; non-profit tree-planting organizations; environmental/scientific field; field arborists; corporate partners; landscape architects; those associated with government agencies; and representatives of the media.

Outreach Strategy: In order to reach out to diverse, non-traditional audiences to increase exposure and engagement in urban forestry, the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) and The Home Depot Foundation (HDF) will partner with the Alliance for Community Trees (ACT), the Utility Arborist Association (UAA), and the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) to develop a coordinated outreach plan. Through their national networks, these organizations will disseminate information about the scholarship opportunity to their members, encouraging them to apply along with a non-traditional professional from their community that offers a potential urban forest partnership opportunity.

Through this project, ADF, HDF, ACT, UAA and SMA will encourage the fostering of City Teams. Engaging multiple individuals from a single community as part of a City Team creates a higher likelihood of accountability, involvement, and continued engagement of all organizations, including the non-traditional partner. The PCF Conference provides an opportunity for these City Teams to meet, develop a working relationship and create a strategic, realistic and sustainable plan for the team to enact upon their return home. Through coordinated follow-up

and reporting with the scholarship recipients (both individually and as a partnership), the cooperating organizations will be able to measure growth and progress towards the program's intended goals.

There are significant benefits of engaging these audiences for the future of urban and community forestry. Collaboration and communication among those who touch the urban forest in a given city are essential to the effective management and growth of their community forests. Through these partnerships, a community will have an engaged network to help with the annual, systematic management of its tree resources. We anticipate a wide variety of outcomes and ongoing engagement from these partnerships. Follow up attendance at the 2011 PCF Conference will allow the scholarship recipients to further establish their working relationships, share their plans for collaboration and inspire other PCF attendees to do the same.

Awarding the Scholarship: The Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation will work with our three partner organizations (ACT, SMA, and UAA) to select 21 partnerships to receive scholarships for both the 2010 and 2011 Partners in Community Forestry Conference. We will collaboratively create an online application that can be disseminated to organizational members across the country. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of individuals from each of the partner organizations, and selections will be made to fulfill a stated set of criteria (but not limited to):

- (1) Regional diversity
- (2) Professional diversity
- (3) Capacity and intent to continue the partnership beyond the Conferences
- (4) Historical experience in the UC&F field
- (5) Opportunity for significant impact on urban forest management and policy in the locality

Both the organization member and the non-traditional community partner will answer a series of questions, including (but not limited to):

- (1) Why did you select this particular non-traditional partner? To what extent have you partnered with this non-traditional partner before?
- (2) Describe any partnerships you currently have in UC&F issues.
- (3) What skills and insight do you want to gain from this conference?
- (4) How will the partnership between you and your partner continue after the conference?
- (5) What is the specific local goal, challenge or opportunity you seek to address through your partnership?

Ongoing Engagement/Follow Up: This scholarship opportunity will allow the Arbor Day Foundation, Home Depot Foundation, UAA, SMA, and ACT to create meaningful and sustainable nontraditional involvement at the local level of U&CF by engaging new constituencies and facilitating the development of new, innovative partnerships. All four cooperating organizations recognize the importance of continued involvement in U&CF issues beyond the conference, the implementation of realistic and sustainable action at the local level, and the evaluation of the project for the future innovation and development of the project.

Continued involvement by the scholarship recipients in their communities is at the core of this proposal. By linking scholarship recipients together through introductory sessions at the 2010

PCF, online forums, webinars, and targeted communication from the Arbor Day Foundation, the recipients will be able to encourage and learn from each other throughout the period of the grant. At the 2011 PCF Conference, we will invite the City Teams to present and share their models of success with the entire Conference delegation. In addition, we will offer opportunities for webinars and teleconferencing for the partnerships to broaden their investment and participation in urban and community forestry.

As the City Teams implement their action plans in their local community, the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with HDF, SMA, UAA, and ACT, will evaluate the project's efficacy by administering a series of surveys to the scholarship recipients. The surveys will gauge and measure the ongoing participation and engagement of the scholarship partnerships in their community. Recipients will be asked to define the efforts they have taken since the PCF and evaluate their progress based on a series of criteria created by the cooperating organizations. The first survey will be completed at the 2010 PCF Conference before their departure. We will follow-up with surveys at 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year regarding the growth and progress they have made towards the action plan developed at the Conference. In addition, we will measure their ongoing involvement in their local urban forestry community, including attendance at meetings and conferences, and engagement in local projects.

To document the impact the scholarship recipients have on the U&CF community nationally, the Arbor Day Foundation will produce a report showcasing the relationships formed by the scholarship recipients, and the projects that come out of the partnerships. By illustrating the successes of these models, other organizations will be able to replicate the projects in their communities, expanding the impact beyond the communities of our 21 selected partnerships. The report will also contain the results of all the surveys administered by the cooperating organizations during the duration of the project.

Budget

Line Item	Federal Funds Requested	Non-federal Match	Total	Source of Matching Funds
Personnel (1)	\$4,000	\$54,700	\$58,700	ADF
Fringe Benefits (2)		\$9,616	\$9,616	ADF
Travel (3)	\$33,600	\$1,800	\$35,400	ADF
Conference Lodging (4)	\$37,800		\$ 37,800	
Conference Registration (5)	\$12,600		\$12,600	
Conference Outreach (6)		\$25,550	\$ 25,550	ADF
Contractual (7)	\$12,000		\$12,000	
Conference Meals/Events (8)		\$77,000	\$77,000	ADF
Conference Materials (9)		\$7,500	\$7,500	ADF
Totals:	\$100,000	\$176,166	\$276,166	

Narrative:

(1) Personnel: Arbor Day Foundation staff –

- Program Management - 1396 hours @ \$25 per hour over two years = \$34,900 (includes program management, conference management, development of conference program and outreach)
- Program Administration – 1600 hours @ \$14 per hour over two years = \$22,400 (includes program and conference administration)
- Web Development – 40 hours @ \$25 per hour = \$1,400

(2) Fringe Benefits – $16.4\% \times \$58,700 = \$9,616$

(3) Travel: Participant Travel Stipend - \$400 per participant (42 participants) per year (two years) = \$33,600; Arbor Day Foundation Program Staff - \$300 X 3 staff (two years) = \$1,800

(4) Conference Lodging - Lodging Stipend - \$150 per night; 3 nights per participant (42 participants) per year (two years) = \$37,800

(5) Conference Registration - \$150 per participant (42 participants) per year (two years) = \$12,600 (registration costs cover conference materials, meeting space, audio-visual, meeting transportation and meeting related expenses excluding meals)

(6) Conference Outreach – production of 26,000 conference fliers, distribution to conference audience, creation and distribution of targeted conference e-blasts

(7) Contractual - \$2,000 per year (two years) per partner (1- Utility Arborist Association, 2 - Alliance for Community Trees, and 3 - Society of Municipal Arborists) for program administration and staff travel

(8) Conference Meals/Events – 350 participants x 2 days x \$55 per year (two years)

(9) Conference Materials – Production and printing of conference materials \$12.50 per participant (300 participants) per year (two years); Evaluation reports and copies of other follow-up communication with program participants

**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

Version 7/03

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	2. DATE SUBMITTED June 5, 2009	Applicant Identifier	
			3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier	
			4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Legal Name: Arbor Day Foundation			Organizational Unit: Department: Program Services / Conferences / Seminars		
Organizational DUNS: 097348114			Division:		
Address: Street: 211 N 12th Street P.O. Box 80208			Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)		
City: Lincoln			Prefix: Ms.	First Name: Michelle	
County: Lancaster			Middle Name Marie		
State: Nebraska			Last Name Scribner		
Zip Code 68501		Suffix:			
Country: United States of America			Email: mscribner@arborday.org		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 23-7169265			Phone Number (give area code) 402-473-9546	Fax Number (give area code) 402-473-9556	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) O Other (specify)		
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE (Name of Program): Urban and Community Forestry Program 10-675			9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: Forest Service		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): National			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: City Teams: Engaging Nontraditional Partners in Urban and Community Forestry		
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: September 2009			14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant NE-01		
Ending Date: November 2011			b. Project NE-01		
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$	100,000 ⁰⁰	a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON		
b. Applicant	\$	176,166 ⁰⁰	DATE:		
c. State	\$	⁰⁰	b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372		
d. Local	\$	⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW		
e. Other	\$	⁰⁰	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?		
f. Program Income	\$	⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. TOTAL	\$	276,166 ⁰⁰			
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.					
a. Authorized Representative					
Prefix Mr.	First Name Gary		Middle Name		
Last Name Deemer		Suffix			
b. Title Accounting Director			c. Telephone Number (give area code) 402-473-9551		
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 			e. Date Signed 6-3-09		

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. U.S. Forest Service	10-675	\$	\$	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 176,166.00	\$ 276,166.00
2.						0.00
3.						0.00
4.						0.00
5. Totals		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 176,166.00	\$ 276,166.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1) U.S. Forest Service (2)	ADF (3)	(4)	(5)	
a. Personnel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 54,700.00	\$	\$	\$ 58,700.00
b. Fringe Benefits		9,616.00			9,616.00
c. Travel	71,400.00	1,800.00			73,200.00
d. Equipment					0.00
e. Supplies					0.00
f. Contractual	12,000.00				12,000.00
g. Construction					0.00
h. Other	12,600.00	110,050.00			122,650.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	100,000.00	176,166.00	0.00	0.00	276,166.00
j. Indirect Charges					0.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 176,166.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 276,166.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$ 90,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 90,000.00

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS	
8. U.S. Forest Service	\$ 176,166.00	\$	\$	\$	176,166.00
9.					0.00
10.					0.00
11.					0.00
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$ 176,166.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	176,166.00
SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
13. Federal	50,000.00	2,000.00			48,000.00
14. Non-Federal	88,083.00	5,361.00	18,134.00	6,259.00	58,329.00
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ 138,083.00	\$ 7,361.00	\$ 18,134.00	\$ 6,259.00	\$ 106,329.00
SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)				
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth	
16. U.S. Forest Service	\$ 50,000.00	\$	\$	\$	
17.					
18.					
19.					
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION					
21. Direct Charges:					
22. Indirect Charges:					
23. Remarks:					

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June 2, 2009

Dear NUCFAC Selection Committee:

On behalf of Alliance for Community Trees, please accept this letter of support for the **City Teams: Engaging Nontraditional Partners in Urban and Community Forestry** proposal that is submitted by the Arbor Day Foundation. We are pleased to assist and collaborate with them on this grant and in efforts to engage a comprehensive group of urban forest constituents to encourage partnerships, collaboration and learning in the advancement of community trees.

Alliance for Community Trees is supportive of the Partners in Community Forestry National Conference and the educational and outreach opportunities it offers. We are happy to be a partner in these efforts that reflect a similar mission to our organization.

As partners in this grant, we would identify potential City Teams through our national member network and encourage them to apply for this scholarship. Through a collaborative effort with the Arbor Day Foundation and other cooperating organizations, we will review the scholarship applications and select the 24 recipients. Finally, we would also assist the Arbor Day Foundation in the ongoing engagement of the City Teams and the comprehensive evaluation of the project's impact.

We believe the innovative and collaborative projects that will be created by the City Teams will be replicable in other communities and have the potential to have a significant impact on the urban and community forestry community. We strongly express our participation and support.

Sincerely,

Shannon Ramsay
President & Board Chair

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June 4, 2009

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Dear Mr. Lambe:

On behalf of the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA), please accept this letter of support for the Arbor Day Foundation's 2009 NUCFAC grant, entitled "City Teams: Engaging Nontraditional Partners in Urban and Community Forestry." The Partners in Community Forestry National Conference is an excellent opportunity for urban forestry constituents to not only learn about trees, but also to understand the role they play in advancing their communities' tree programs.

SMA will assist in the scholarship process by identifying and encouraging municipal arborists to apply, will help in identifying non-traditional partners who might benefit from attending the conference, and will also participate in the scholarship review and selection process. In addition, we will work with ADF in the ongoing engagement of the City Teams, and in the evaluation of the impact conference attendance has upon them.

As you know, SMA's leadership workshop, the Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI), includes collaboration in its curriculum, so this grant project mirrors the work that SMA is doing to encourage municipal arborists to reach out to allied professionals. We believe this project has potential for creating innovative partnership projects that will have an important impact on community forestry, and which may then be incorporated into the MFI curriculum.

Thank you for inviting SMA to be a part of this project, we look forward to mutual collaboration among the grant partners.

Sincerely,

Jerri J. LaHaie, CAE, Executive Director
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Dear NUCFAC Selection Committee:

On behalf of the Utility Arborist Association, please accept this letter of support for the **City Teams: Engaging Nontraditional Partners in Urban and Community Forestry** proposal that is submitted by the Arbor Day Foundation. We are pleased to assist and collaborate with them on this grant and in efforts to engage a comprehensive group of urban forest constituents to encourage partnerships, collaboration and learning in the advancement of community trees.

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Utility Arborist Association is supportive of the Partners in Community Forestry National Conference and the educational and outreach opportunities it offers. We are happy to be a partner in these efforts that reflect a similar mission to our organization.

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We believe the innovative and collaborative projects that will be created by the City Teams will be replicable in other communities and have the potential to have a huge impact on the urban and community forestry community. We strongly express our participation and support.

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