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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2003 URBAN FORESTRY FUNDING

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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry is accepting Urban Forestry project proposals from local governments, private organizations, public organizations, and educational institutions. Project categories for 2003 are: urban forestry personnel, program development, education/training, and tree planting.

The Division of Forestry provides financial assistance in the form of urban and community forestry grants to local governments, educational institutions, communities, and non-profit groups. Grants help local communities to develop or expand their urban forestry programs and to build lasting capabilities for managing their urban forests.

Here are some projects that this grant has recently funded:

- 1) Tree inventories;
- 2) Urban forest management plans;
- 3) Outdoor classrooms;
- 4) Urban forestry brochures, publications, and videos; and
- 5) Educational conferences and seminars.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The proposal must match the grant award 50-50 with non-federal dollars, in-kind services, and/or materials. The grantee must keep accurate records for reporting, invoicing, and project documentation. **Project proposals must be received in the Nashville office of the Division of Forestry by 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2003.**

PROGRAM PURPOSES

It is important to convincingly demonstrate the need for funding urban forestry programs. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture recommends that grant applicants include in their proposals one or more of the following purposes for funding:

- Increasing public understanding of economic, environmental, social and psychological values of urban and community forests;
- Improving education and technical support for proper tree maintenance and management;
- Enhancing community sustainability with urban forestry programming; and
- Developing and maintaining an urban and community forestry information network (a network that will include various research partners and will record examples of various technological successes relevant to urban/community forestry programs).

PROGRAM MATERIALS

To request a grant information package or get more information about the urban forestry grants, contact:

Bruce Webster	615-837-5436
Kay Fermann	615-837-5437
Tom Simpson	865-908-4434
Christy Pepper	901-754-5185

To present the most effective grant package, we recommend that you obtain various letters of support from within your community. You should have your city council issue a resolution supporting your proposal. Your city council should include this resolution when they transmit your grant package.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact your MTAS Municipal Management Consultant for more information about this important topic. You also may visit the MTAS Web site at www.mtas.utk.edu.

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