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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2008 URBAN FORESTRY FUNDING

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The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, is accepting urban forestry project proposals from local governments, private nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. Priority for 2008 funding will be given to project proposals that address any of these three elements of an urban or community forestry program: ordinances, management planning, and advisory organization. Nonpriority projects such as education or training will be considered after proposals for priority projects are selected.

For this grant cycle, staffing will not be considered. Tree planting grants will no longer be funded with federal dollars but will be funded with state funds as part of the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program.

Additional details on types of projects, along with application forms and proposal instructions, are available in grant information packages. Grant workshops will not be held. Contact state Division of Forestry staff if you have any questions while developing a proposal.

All funds are provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

and are administered by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. Grants allow local communities to develop or expand their urban forestry programs and build lasting capabilities to manage their urban forests. Examples of projects that have been funded recently include:

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The grantee is required to keep accurate records for reporting, invoicing, and project documenting. Project proposals must be received in the Nashville office of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2008.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

To request a 2008 grant information package or to receive more information about the urban forestry grants, contact Bruce Webster at bruce.webster@state.tn.us, (615) 837-5436; Tom Simpson at

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(615) 837-5439; or Shawn Posey at
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To present the most effective grant package,
include various letters of support from
within your community and a resolution
supporting and transmitting your grant
package by your city council. For additional
information, contact your MTAS municipal
management consultant.

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