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## Hot Topic: Tennessee Department of Agriculture 2009 Urban Forestry Funding

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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2009 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. Project proposals for 2009 that will be considered for funding include those that address the development of four elements of an urban or community forestry program, urban forest resource management, or education or training that pertain to urban and community forestry, among others.

All funds are provided by the U.S.D.A. 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 documentation. **Project proposals must be received in the Nashville office of the Division of Forestry by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009.**

**PROGRAM MATERIALS**

To request a 2009 grant information package or to receive more information about the urban forestry grants, contact Bruce Webster at [bruce.webster@state.tn.us](mailto:bruce.webster@state.tn.us), (615) 837-5436; Tom Simpson at [tom.simpson@state.tn.us](mailto:tom.simpson@state.tn.us), (865) 908-4434; Brian Rucker at [brian.rucker@state.tn.us](mailto:brian.rucker@state.tn.us), (615) 837-5439; or Shawn Posey at [shawn.posey@state.tn.us](mailto:shawn.posey@state.tn.us), (901) 754-5185.

For the most effective grant package, we recommend that you include 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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