

Appendix M

Tree Planting Grant Funds Available

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Up to \$250,000 in grant funding is available through the Trees for Nebraska Towns program (TNT) to help with tree-planting in communities across Nebraska. The TNT program was developed to address tree loss and improve overall health, sustainability and species diversity of Nebraska's community trees. Coordinated by the Nebraska Forest Service on behalf of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, it is part of ReTree Nebraska's efforts to plant one million trees by 2017. Funding for TNT is provided by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, a beneficiary of the Nebraska Lottery. Program specifics include:

- Application forms are typically available in the summer and are due back in the fall, usually around October 1st. Forms can be found on-line at arboretum.unl.edu/community.
- Projects must emphasize the planting of large-maturing trees (those exceeding 40' in height and/or 30' in spread).
- Nursery trees planted must be of superior quality including high-quality root systems.
- Projects must be on public property or provide clear public benefit.
- The maximum funding request is \$20,000.
- A 50/50 local funding match is required. At least 20% of the local match must be cash value.
- Projects must be completed within one year after the grant award.

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