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Forestry division offers grants to support creative tree growing

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forestry Program is offering grants to organizations for demonstration projects for tree plantings or orchards. Grants are for up to \$15,000 and are intended to support projects that demonstrate new or innovative ways to grow trees in Alaska.

The Alaska Division of Forestry's Community Forestry Program is accepting applications for projects showing what different types of tree species, varieties or cultivars will thrive in Alaska's unique climates, and how to help them do so.

Project applications could include, but are not limited to, new technology, techniques, or approaches for street tree plantings, containerized orchards, seedling cultivation, biochar use or other pioneering ideas. Applicants are encouraged to be creative.

With funding assistance from the USDA Forest Service, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry has approximately \$40,000 in total grant funds available. Applicants, which must be government entities or nonprofit organizations, may apply for up to \$15,000 in grants.

Grants can be used for the purchase of A) trees, saplings, seedlings, or orchard trees; B) mulch, stakes, hoses, gloves, or other planting items and materials; C) educational materials; D) other required material and equipment; and E) limited shipping costs.

Trees must be planted on public land within a community, and grant applications must include a three-year maintenance plan. Applicants working with schools are encouraged to consider involving students in the research and design, and to be creative and thoughtful in their plan design.

These projects will help the Division of Forestry evaluate the success of different demonstration and test projects, share results, and make recommendations.

For more information and application instructions, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants>

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