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FYI. See below for report to Madras Urban Forestry Committee report.

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USDA Urban Forestry Grant Partners,

I'm sorry to say that our application into the USDA Urban and Community Forestry grant program was **NOT** funded. We have inquired about review comments on our grant application. There were many pass-through partners that were funded which might offer other grant opportunities on a national level. I have listed national pass-through partners below and will continue to track grant opportunities. The Oregon Department of Forestry was also awarded over \$22,000,000 to implement urban forestry projects in disadvantaged communities across the state. We will be tracking this to see if they release any funds through a grant application process.

Our next step will be setting up a Central Oregon partner meeting to discuss interest in searching for future funding of this program. I will follow this email with time slots to choose from. Thank you for the work that you put into this.

State Grant Awards

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| Oregon Department of Forestry | Growing Equity in Oregon's Urban and Community Forests: Investing in Disadvantaged Communities to Promote Social, Economic, and | • Tree Ma |

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| Oregon Department of Forestry | <p>Growing Equity in Oregon's Urban and Community Forests: Investing in Disadvantaged Communities to Promote Social, Economic, and Environmental Well-Being:</p> <p>This project will accommodate a diverse range of stakeholders including volunteers, forest managers, youth leaders, and students of various ages. Training will cover tree planting, monitoring, maintenance, and management informed by Indigenous ecological knowledge and Western science.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Workforce Development | \$22,857,196 |

National Pass-Through Partner Grants

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| <p>1890 Universities Foundation</p> <p>https://www.1890foundation.org/</p> | <p>Rising From Roots: Addressing Historical Health Disparities and Environment Justice through Urban Forestry at 1890 Land-Grant Universities:</p> <p>This project will tackle health disparities rooted in historical racism in the communities surrounding Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Serving Institutions through collaborative investments in sustainable urban forestry.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Extreme Heat | \$7,000,000 | \$28,000,000 |
| <p>American Forests</p> <p>https://www.americanforests.org/</p> | <p>American Forests Catalyst Fund: Fostering Community-Led Action to Advance Tree Equity:</p> <p>This project will engage, empower, and provide financial and technical assistance to and through disadvantaged, faith-led and workforce training</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Workforce Development | \$10,000,000 | \$40,000,000 |

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| <p>Arbor Day Foundation https://www.arborday.org/programs/</p> | <p>Arbor Day Foundation IRA Regranting Program: This project will make competitive and strategic investments in tree planting and maintenance, planning, and capacity building in disadvantaged communities across the US. Subawardees will be provided technical assistance and connected to a peer network to ensure that all funded programs lead to lasting impact. The competitive process will prioritize proposals that increase equitable access to canopy, increase resilience to climate change, and broaden community engagement in urban forest planning.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$10,000,000</p> | <p>\$40,000,000</p> |
| <p>Green Latinos https://www.greenlatinos.org/</p> | <p>Grassroots Grantmaking for Tree Canopy Restoration across Latino Communities: This project will support frontline Latino organizations across the US, resulting in thousands of trees planted and meaningful increases in tree canopy in disadvantaged communities. This work will engage tree assessment, planting, and maintenance experts to co-develop site plans with subawardees, including public housing sites; facilitate bilingual outreach</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$5,000,000</p> | <p>\$20,000,000</p> |

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| <p>Groundwork USA https://groundworkusa.org/</p> | <p>to engage residents in urban forestry; and expand equitable urban tree canopy.</p> <p>Building Grassroots Capacity To Accelerate Climate Adaptation Through Urban Forestry: Groundwork USA and their equity-centered partner network will develop, pilot, and implement urban forestry strategies that build the capacity of disadvantaged communities to sustain and steward their urban tree canopy. Significant investments are planned in youth and community leadership, knowledge- and skill sharing, community engagement, and climate resilience.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Heat • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$2,000,000</p> | <p>\$8,000,000</p> |
| <p>Hispanic Access Foundation https://hispanicaccess.org/</p> | <p>Nuestros Bosques (Our Forests) IRA Initiative: This project will foster new relationships and build capacity in existing community collaboratives composed of faith-leaders, youth, and other local stakeholders across the country. These subawards will apply culturally-relevant, nature-based solutions to address unmet economic, social and environmental challenges. Work on the ground will include creation of new green spaces and green jobs, planting and maintaining thousands of trees, mobilization of new environmental leaders, hosting public events, and building impactful Spanish-language media partnerships.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$5,000,000</p> | <p>\$20,000,000</p> |

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| <p>River Network https://www.rivernetwork.org/</p> | <p>Building Resilience in Frontline Communities: This project will engage disadvantaged, underrepresented, under resourced, Spanish-speaking, and tribal communities in urban and community forestry. Competitive and strategic investments made in collaboration with the Anthropocene Alliance, Environmental Protection Network, Native Americans in Philanthropy, and Thriving Earth Exchange will support community-based organizations across the nation. Recipients will receive support through technical assistance, training and peer learning, operational and communications support, and opportunities to share their projects with national audiences.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$2,400,000</p> | <p>\$9,600,000</p> |
| <p>Sustainable Forestry Initiative https://forests.org/</p> | <p>SFI Urban and Community Forest Improvement Program: This initiative seeks to evaluate urban forests in disadvantaged communities against the newly adopted urban and community forestry sustainability standard, support urban forest management, and facilitate career exploration in arboriculture and urban forestry.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$1,000,000</p> | <p>\$4,000,000</p> |
| <p>The Corps Network https://corpsnetwork.org/</p> | <p>Urban and Community Forestry Corps (UCFC) Initiative: This project will establish new Urban and Community Corps programs targeting youth and</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development | <p>\$2,000,000</p> | <p>\$8,000,000</p> |

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| <p>The Student Conservation Association, Inc. https://www.thesca.org/</p> | <p>Urban Green Projects: This project will provide paid youth and young adult workforce training in in communities across the country. Workforce participants will perform tree planting and tree care in disadvantaged communities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Workforce Development | <p>\$2,000,000</p> | <p>\$8,000,000</p> |
| <p>Trust for Public Land https://www.tpl.org/</p> | <p>Growing Resilience Through Forested Community Schoolyards: This project will help alleviate disparities in access to nature and environmental justice by changing the systems of how school grounds in disadvantaged communities are designed, maintained, and stewarded for student learning and community use. This work will result in positive impacts on student health and learning, climate resilience, urban heat island effect mitigation, and community cohesion.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement • Extreme Heat | <p>\$2,000,000</p> | <p>\$8,000,000</p> |

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| <p>Urban Sustainability Directors Network https://www.usdn.org/index.html#/</p> | <p>Accelerating Urban Forestry as Equity-Centered Climate Action and Sustainable Community Development: This project will strengthen the field of urban forestry, increase equitable access to urban tree canopy in disadvantaged communities, broaden community engagement in urban forest planning, and expand best management and maintenance practices to improve resilience to climate change and extreme heat. Competitive and strategic investments will result in the planting of thousands of trees and scale-up three interconnected capacity-building initiatives: the Urban Forestry as Community Development Accelerator, Vanguard Cities Community Tree Initiative, and Urban Forestry Equity Fellowship Program.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting & Maintenance • Restoration & Resilience • Workforce Development • Planning & Community Engagement | <p>\$5,600,000</p> | <p>\$22,400,000</p> |

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