



## Trees for Missoula Community Tree Grant (TFM-CTG) Application

Trees for Missoula is a non-profit advocacy group committed to the belief that trees individually and the urban forest as a whole are a critical element of a livable urban environment. Our mission is to promote a healthier and sustainable urban forest through community planning, planting, stewardship, education and advocacy.

### **Trees for Missoula Community Tree Grant (TFM-CTG)**

Grant Purpose: The TFM-CTG aims to improve our City's environment, build community and connect Missoulians with the natural world and each other through:

- Increasing resources for tree planting and maintenance in Missoula
- Increasing public awareness of the importance of trees in the urban environment

Grant Funds Available: Up to \$1,000. Funds will be reimbursed upon completion of project. Please provide receipts.

Grant Requirements: Trees to be planted by volunteers; include educational component

Application Limitation: One grant application per applicant per year

Project Completion: Grant funds must be used within one year.

Eligible Applicants: Missoula groups interested in responsibly planting trees and promoting a healthy urban forest. Project must benefit the public. *(TFM-CTGs are not meant for individual/property-owner/business landscape purposes.)*

Eligible for Funding:

- Trees – selections must be suitable for Missoula's climate and be non-invasive.
  - Approved Street Trees for Missoula:  
<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/1736/Tree-Landscape-Plant-List>
- Soil/Soil Amendment
- Mulch
- Weed Barrier
- Protection/Caging
- Irrigation Materials
- Educational Materials



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Application Date:

Project Name:

Project Address/Location:

Project Contact Information:

Contact Name/Title:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Lead Organization:

Address:

Number of Project Members/Volunteers:

Using Volunteers to Plant Trees:

*For a safe and pleasant volunteer experience, please make sure your volunteers*

- *Wear sturdy shoes, gloves and eye protection (glasses/sunglasses are okay)*
- *Are nourished and stay hydrated*
- *Dress appropriately for weather*
- *Do not overexert*

*For a successful volunteer tree planting experience*

- *Train your volunteers how to properly plant trees; assign tasks*
- *Provide and use the appropriate tree planting tools*

**Do you need volunteers to plant your trees? Trees for Missoula can help.**

**Contact [Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org](mailto:Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org)**



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Total Project Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

|                        | <u># and Species</u> | <u>@ Cost/per</u> | <u>= Total</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Tree(s)                | _____                | \$ _____          | \$ _____       |
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| Soil                   |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Soil Amendment         |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Mulch                  |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Weed Barrier           |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Caging/Protection      |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Irrigation Materials   |                      |                   | \$ _____       |
| Educational Materials* |                      |                   | \$ _____       |

**TFM-CTG Total Funds Requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will TFM-CTG funds be used as matching funds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain.

*\*Please describe Educational Materials in Project Narrative*

Community Planting - Volunteer Tracking:

Please use the Volunteer Tracking Sheet to record volunteer efforts.

- Project Name/Description
- Project Address/Location
- Project date(s)
- Volunteer time spent/hours
- Volunteer information

Please submit Volunteer Tracking Sheets to [Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org](mailto:Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org) after tree planting.



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Project Narrative:

1. Describe the project.

- Include existing site conditions; project goal/objectives; project timeline; tree selection(s); planting plan; use of volunteers and educational component
- Attach any available plans/drawings/photos of project site.

2. How will the Missoula community benefit from this project?

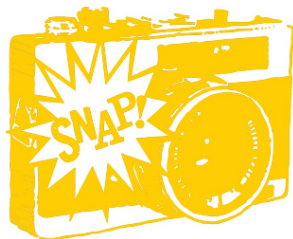
3. What is the irrigation plan for the tree(s)?

4. Please list any partner organizations involved in the project.

5. Will there be an event (volunteer planting/ground-breaking/ribbon-cutting) associated with the project? Is any media planned? If so, please provide details.

6. Are there opportunities for Trees for Missoula to be recognized as a project supporter? Please explain.

Trees for Missoula would like to celebrate your project!  
Please remember to take pictures before, during and after the project.





## Trees for Missoula Community Tree Grant (TFM-CTG) Tree Selection and Planting Information

### TFM-CTG Tree Selection

Trees for Missoula believes in following Arbor Day Foundation's adage, "The Right Tree in the Right Place". When selecting each tree, please take into consideration:

1. **Height.** Will the tree bump into anything when it's fully grown? Overhead utility lines?
2. **Canopy spread.** How wide will the tree grow? Will it have room for airflow and sunlight?
3. **Is the tree deciduous or evergreen?** Will it lose its leaves in the winter?
4. **Form or shape.** A columnar tree will grow in less space. Round and V-Shaped species provide the most shade.
5. **Growth rate.** How long will it take for your tree to reach its full height? Slow growing species typically live longer than fast growing species.
6. **Soil, sun and moisture** requirements.
7. **Fruit.** Plant fruit trees where their dropping fruit will not make a mess on sidewalks or streets.
8. **Hardiness zone.** Missoula's USDA Plant Hardiness Zone is 4b.

### TFM-CTG Tree Planting Requirements

If you are planting trees in public right-of-way, a planting permit **must** be obtained by contacting [manderson@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:manderson@ci.missoula.mt.us).

Proper tree planting is the most important step for a tree's health and longevity. All volunteers should be trained in proper tree planting techniques before planting trees.

TFM-CTG tree plantings must follow Missoula Parks & Rec's Planting Details and Notes for:

- Ball & Burlap Trees
- Containerized Trees
- Bare Root Trees

These can be found at [www.treesformissoula.org](http://www.treesformissoula.org).

For planting information/assistance/training, please contact Karen Sippy at  
[Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org](mailto:Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org).

### Got tools?

Proper tree planting techniques begin with proper tools. If you need to borrow tree planting equipment for your project, please contact Karen Sippy at [Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org](mailto:Karen.Sippy@treesformissoula.org).



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Project Name:

Project Address/Location:

Project Date:

Volunteer Hours:

*Please Print*

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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