



GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Forest Bonding Grants 2012 to 2014

GENERAL GUIDELINES and INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants and Activities:

There are two types of project grants a community can apply for:

- **Planting for Diversity or to Replace Trees Lost to Storms:** All Cities, Counties and Townships are eligible to apply, as well as Park and Recreation Boards in cities of the first class. All trees planted using bonding funds must be species native to Minnesota, and be planted on public property.
- **EAB-Infested Ash Removal and Replanting projects:** All Cities, Counties and Townships, as well as Park and Recreation Boards in cities of the first class are eligible who have a known EAB infestation within their boundaries or have public lands within a one mile radius of state-designated "known EAB infested areas."

Applications Dates

Applications available: December 19, 2011

Application deadline: Friday, February 17, 2012 by 4:30 pm

Application Procedures

Complete the online application form and postal mail to DNR Forestry as directed in the Grant Guidelines. Faxes and e-mails will not be accepted. Applications must be received by Friday, February 17, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

Selection Process

The DNR Community Forestry Technical Team will review and evaluate grant applications and prioritize proposals. The Community Forest Grants Steering Committee will determine which projects will be funded and grantees will be notified by March 16, 2012.

Project Timeline

Project grant agreements sent for signature: March-April 2012

Project execution letter: No project related work can begin prior to receiving this letter

Project implementation: Grant agreements executed and work can begin in March-June, 2012

Project compliance check: Communities must notify the DNR one month prior to completion

Project completion: Funded projects must be completed by May, 2014

Questions?

Please check the grant program web page before calling or e-mailing DNR Forestry staff. See <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/commforestbondgrant/index.html> .

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be posted and updated weekly. If you do not obtain an answer online, contact DNR Forestry at **(651) 259-5300**, and ask to be transferred to the first available Community Forestry Team member.