Good morning, Jan...thanks for your e-mail. I do receive these e-mails as well from DNR and also noticed the December 15th deadline for cities to apply for Tree City status, which is required prior to applying for the grants. You're right...something we can consider for next year.

Thank you for your continued participation in the meetings on tree regulations. I hope you can make it on Thursday. 😊 Mona

From: Jan [mailto:birdandcat@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, December 1, 2014 8:15 PM
To: Debbie Beadle; Mona Davis; Jeffrey Thomas
Subject: DNR 2015 Urban Forestry Grants

I don't know how many of you are on the DNR TreeLink email list but it is a great publication. Noticed it's time again to apply for grants for this program. Looks like they help provide the expertise that has been discussed at recent Planning Commission meetings on tree retention. Unfortunately, it looks like the deadline is Dec. 15th for next year. Hopefully now that we know the deadline we can position ourselves so we can apply the following year. Could you also pass along to the Planning Commission?

Thanks!

Jan Bird


Announcing the 2015 Urban Forestry Grants — Grants Available in 3 Categories
NOVEMBER 21, 2014

DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF) 2015 grant applications are now available on our grant resources page.

UCF is offering three grant opportunities:

- Community Forestry Assistance Grants;
- Inventory Grants; and
- Tree Planting Grants.

If your community is a Tree City USA, the announcement and links to applications will be sent directly to your community’s Tree City USA contact.
Grants, offered in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program, may be awarded to local units of government, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, or tribal governments. *Community tree volunteer groups and neighborhood associations, while not directly eligible to apply, are encouraged to develop their projects in conjunction with an eligible organization.*

Examples of projects that may be funded through Community Forestry Assistance Grants include:

Program Development and Planning:

- Urban Forestry Ordinance Development or Revisions
- Urban Forestry Board or Commission Development or Training
- Urban Forest Resource Canopy Assessment and Mapping
- Efforts toward becoming a Tree City USA
- Planning or Management Document Development, i.e., Street-tree Master Plan or Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan
- Advanced training for tree management staff (scholarships to Municipal Tree Management Institute, for example)

Program Development and Planning:

Community Forestry Tree Inventory Grants are open to local, municipal or tribal governments or institutions. The purpose of this grant is to fund implementation of a public tree inventory system to be used as a basis for managing a jurisdiction's urban forest. Inventory collection will be undertaken by professional arboriculture consultants under contract with DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program. Data collection is standardized but allows flexibility to meet individual community needs. Participating communities will receive a report summarizing the composition and condition of the community forest, along with pertinent resource management recommendations. Collected data will be provided to the community. An urban and community forestry specialist will be available for technical assistance to help develop future maintenance and management plans.