

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. Can non-profits or community organizations apply for the Street Trees Matching Grant?**

Yes, non-profits and community organizations can apply for this grant. However, the jurisdiction of the proposed project location should be notified prior to submission.

**2. How will the trees be purchased and installed?**

In order to expedite the process and keep prices low, the County will purchase the matching trees through a bid process. Depending on the community's needs, the county may pay for the installation of trees as part of the cost. If the location of the planting is not within an incorporated area, the trees may be installed by either the applicant or the County.

**3. What is the minimum matching amount of the grant?**

There is no required match percentage. However, applications with a higher match, whether it is funds or in-kind contributions, will be scored higher than those with a lower match. In-kind can include installation, maintenance, community outreach, etc.

**4. Is this a competitive grant?**

Yes, this is a competitive grant. Preference will be given to communities that have a comprehensive approach to tree planting, including a maintenance plan, outreach and education, as well as to areas where the tree canopy coverage is at or below 20 percent. Furthermore, applications with a stronger match will be scored higher.

**5. What is your definition of a street tree? Must it be in a public right-of-way? If not, how close to or far from the street must it be?**

The intent is for the trees to be in the ROW. However, if you have something close by that will still benefit those traversing on our streets, send us your proposal.