



North Dakota Forest Service

Cooperative Forestry and Fire Grants



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The North Dakota Forest Service provides opportunities for partnering organizations and landowners to access funding to implement community and rural natural resources conservation, protection, and enhancement as identified in North Dakota's Forest Action Plan. The North Dakota Forest Service receives funds for these programs from the U.S.

Forest Service State, Private, and Tribal Forestry branch, and from other state, private, and non-profit organizations. The NDFS works to ensure that all funds are invested in locally-supported projects that address issues of national, state and local importance and provide meaningful, lasting, and measurable outcomes.

Wildfire Grants – Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance



Purpose: Improve ND Rural Fire Department fire protection and prevention capabilities.

Use: PPE (personal protective equipment), firefighter training, fire awareness and prevention, vehicles, radios.

Application period: September 1 through November 17, 2023, and each fall.

Eligibility: Population under 10,000, Cooperative Fire Agreement on file with NDFS, report all wildfires to NDFS,

Reimbursement of 50% up to \$10,000 for non-vehicle, up to \$20,000 for vehicle.

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Community Forestry Grants



Purpose: Engage citizens in planting trees and improving city tree canopies.

Use: Tree Planting, inventory and planning, removal and replacement, educational outreach, hire a seasonal arborist or assistant, ...

Application period: September 5 through October 31, 2023, each fall and spring.

Eligibility: ND Communities, on public property.

Reimbursement: Varies. See below and website for more grants.

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GRANT	Funding Source	Maximum Award	Match	Purpose of Grant	Examples of projects	NOTES
Community Family Forest	Trees for N.D. Trust Fund	\$1,500 / \$2,000 for Tree City USAs	80/20	Honor tradition of tree planting in North Dakota	Tree planting on public property within the community	Good for first-time grant applicants, small-scale projects. Encourage use of volunteers.
America the Beautiful (ATB) Tree Planting	USDA Forest Service	\$25,000	50/50	Stimulate development of effective community forestry programs	Tree planting on public property within the community	Available to help promote the diversity of trees in the community.
America the Beautiful (ATB) Program Development	USDA Forest Service	\$25,000	50/50	Stimulate development of effective community forestry programs	Tree inventory, removals, EAB action plan, hire a consultant, tree ID markers, tree pruning, educational outreach	Only NDFS-CF grant available for projects OTHER than tree planting
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	USDA Forest Service	\$10,000 or \$25,000	No match required	Assist rural communities with reforestation	Removal of diseased and poor condition trees and replanting	Only available to communities with a population of <2,500

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