

# Urban and Community Forestry Grants Informational Update

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# CAL FIRE Urban & Community Forestry Program

The mission of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Urban Forestry Program is to lead the effort to advance the development of sustainable urban and community forests in California. Trees provide energy conservation, reduction of storm-water runoff, extend the life of surface streets, improve local air, soil and water quality, reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, improve public health, provide wildlife habitat and increase property values. In short, they improve the quality of life in our urban environments which, increasingly, are where Californians live, work, and play. The program also administers State and Federal grants throughout California communities to advance urban forestry efforts.



- **Technical assistance and advice**
- **Public and professional education**
- **Public events**
- **Local and regional advocacy**
- **Networking and partnerships**
- **Technology transfer**
- **Grants**
- **Conduit to national programs**

# Funding Status for State Grants

- U&CF 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 funding withdrawn or withheld, remaining balance \$0
- Green Schoolyards authorized \$117 million

# Funding Status for Federal Grants

- Inflation Reduction Act (national funding)
  - \$1.5 Billion for Urban and Community Forestry
    - State Agencies apply first round by 2/28/2023
      - 80% for sub-grants
      - Emphasis on meeting or exceeding Justice 40 initiative
      - Projects aligned with planting, workforce development, or extreme heat (parks and open space access, ecosystem benefits, long-term structural and capacity improvements)
    - Open competitive applications about April 2023
  - \$3 Billion directed through EPA
    - Open competitive
    - Strategic Growth Council will support planning and preparation for grant applications
  - \$3 Billion directed through FHWA for transportation including street trees
  - Greenhouse gas reduction fund (EPA), HUD

# Grant Resources

- California State Grants Library, [Grant and Funding Opportunities - California State Library](#)
- California Natural Resources Agency, Urban Greening Program, [Grant Programs \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Strategic Growth Council, [Programs - Strategic Growth Council \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Office of Planning and Research, [ICARP Grant Programs- Office of Planning and Research](#)
- Office of Emergency Services, [Grants Management | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)

# Technical Assistance

## CAL FIRE Staff Contact Sheet (March 2023)



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# Thank You!

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