



## SB 347: California Community and Neighborhood Tree Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

**More trees in our neighborhoods? *Yes, please!*** You can now support healthy, resilient communities by contributing \$1 or more to the [California Community and Neighborhood Tree Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund \(SB 347\)](#). Your contribution supports all Californians in the fight against climate change by helping to ensure cleaner, healthier, urban environments.

Trees improve the quality of life in our urban environments, which are where most Californians live, work, and play. Trees play a critical role in energy conservation, reduction of storm-water runoff, improvement of local air, soil and water quality, reduction of greenhouse gases, reducing extreme heat exposure, improved public health, and wildlife habitat.

Your voluntary contribution will be allocated to the [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection \(CAL FIRE\) Urban and Community Forestry Program grant program](#). These grants bring trees and tree care to urban communities that need them the most by providing urban tree planting and tree care agreements. Disadvantaged and low-income communities typically have less canopy cover than other communities which leads to an inequitable distribution of environmental benefits. These communities often suffer from greater urban heat island effects and worse air pollution.



Through community partnerships, trainings, technical assistance and grant administration, the Urban and Community Forestry grant program funds urban forest management activities, like tree plantings, urban forest management plans, tree inventories, wood product utilization, workforce development, youth education, and more. Your contribution will help the Urban and Community Forestry program support urban forest management activities in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry program is leading the effort to advance the development of sustainable urban and community forests for all Californians. Please join CAL FIRE in this effort by contributing \$1 or more to the [California Community and Neighborhood Tree Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund \(SB 347\)](#) this tax season. It's easy to do! Simply enter the amount you wish to donate when filing your State taxes.

