



Edmond Tree Grants Program Overview

Program Purpose

- Enhance tree canopy throughout Edmond
- Make trees available to neighborhood groups and schools on public property, for planting within areas that their communities will benefit from
- Provide education about proper tree planting and establishment care practices
- Build community through addition of trees within community spaces

Eligibility

- Neighborhood groups and K-12 public schools (or associated parent teacher organizations) within Edmond city limits are eligible. (To find out if your site is within city limits, view <https://gis.edmondok.com/addresslocator/>)
- Previous grant recipients may apply for another grant if a past project has been successfully completed and approved by the Urban Forestry Department.

Requirements

- For eligible neighborhood groups, projects must be located within neighborhood-managed areas such as right-of-ways or platted common areas. For eligible public schools, projects must be located on school grounds or right-of-way adjacent to the school.
- Urban Forestry encourages applicants to engage their school/neighborhood community in the planting of the trees; however, a community planting event is not required. The applicant will facilitate the planting of the trees themselves or through a contractor, adhering to the planting specifications detailed in the Edmond Tree Grants Manual.
- Applications must include two points of contact for the neighborhood/school group who will be responsible for coordinating with the Urban Forestry Department on project details, overseeing project implementation and maintenance, and corresponding with Urban Forestry up until approval of the Final Inspection.
- Neighborhood - Common Area & K-12 Public School: Applicants may request trees in one of the following sizes: seedlings, 3-gallon containers, or 15-gallon containers. Maximum quantities for sizes within each of the two planting options include:
 - Tree seedlings: 100; 3-gallon containers: 25; OR 15-gallon containers: 8 (plus watering bags, if needed)
- Neighborhood - Street Tree:
 - Neighborhood groups may request up to 25 trees in 3-gallon containers for distribution to residents as street trees.
 - Street trees must be planted in the front yard of a residence, visible from and within 20 feet of the street.
- Note: Number of trees available may be subject to change due to program funding and current tree pricing.

Application Contents

- Applications will be submitted through an online form on the City of Edmond's web site.
- Contact Information – General information about the neighborhood/school and Points of Contact. School applications must include written consent from the school administrator. For neighborhoods with HOA's, one of the Points of Contact must be representative from the HOA Board.
- Proposal Information – Applicants may choose to consult with Urban Forestry staff in order to draft this information, if needed.
 - Project Description – Project intent, benefits to the neighborhood/school and greater community, plans for community engagement, other information pertinent to the project
 - Project Details
 - Planting location
 - Number of trees requested and sizes (see above under "Requirements" for information about available sizes)
 - Planting objectives, i.e. providing shade, windbreak/screening, fall color, spring flowering, etc. This will inform species selection when meeting with Urban Forestry about the planting design.
 - Party responsible for planting the trees, acknowledgement that tree planting specifications within the Edmond Tree Grants Manual will be followed.
 - Maintenance Plan – In addition to providing information about who will be responsible for establishment care of the trees, applicants must agree to follow specifications that are listed within the Edmond Tree Grants Manual.
- Photos of the proposed project area

Review Process

- Applications will be accepted from summer into the fall and reviewed monthly on a first come, first served basis. If available program budget is used up prior to the set closing date, applications will close until the following program year.
- Once received, applications will be placed on the next available Urban Forestry Commission agenda for review and consideration. The Urban Forestry Commission's regular meetings are held at 4:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month.
- If approved, the Urban Forestry Department will facilitate next steps with the Points of Contact to plan their project. Additional information may be needed from the Points of Contact prior to approval of an application.

Project Facilitation

- Urban Forestry will work with the designated Points of Contact to finalize details for the project. Urban Forestry will provide a site assessment, planting design and guidance on tree species, as well as providing the trees. Watering bags (for 15 gal trees) may be provided if needed. Grant recipients will be responsible for providing mulch and t-posts/staking materials.

- Once project details are finalized, Urban Forestry will prepare the Edmond Tree Grants Agreement, which must be signed by the Points of Contact and returned to Urban Forestry prior to advancement of the project.
- Urban Forestry will procure trees for the project beginning in the fall, and projects should be implemented during the dormant season (ideally from October – March).
- Prior to planting, Points of Contact (and planting contractors, if applicable) will be required to participate in a pre-planting meeting with Urban Forestry. The Points of Contact will be responsible for ensuring that trees are planted in accordance with tree planting specifications found within the Edmond Tree Grants Manual.
- Once trees have been installed, Urban Forestry will perform a post-planting inspection. If trees are not planted according to specifications, issues must be corrected in order to receive approval of inspection.
- Once trees have been planted, the Points of Contact will be responsible for overseeing implementation and continuation of tree establishment care, per the Edmond Tree Grants Manual, until the Final Inspection has been completed.

Final Inspection

- Two years after the project is completed, Urban Forestry will perform a Final Inspection of the planting.
- Applicants with successful projects may be eligible for future grants.

Distribution of Duties

The neighborhood/school Points of Contact will be responsible for:

- Project application/proposal and related correspondence with Urban Forestry
- Coordinating between Urban Forestry and the neighborhood/school
- Meeting and corresponding with Urban Forestry to finalize project details
- Signing the Edmond Tree Grants Agreement and returning it to Urban Forestry
- Giving input on species selection and planting design
- Locating underground utilities within the project area through CallOkie and avoiding utilities when planting. City-provided planting plans will make efforts to avoid utility conflicts; however, avoiding utilities, easements, and/or negative property impacts is the responsibility of the Points of Contact.
- Participating in a pre-planting meeting with Urban Forestry, facilitating the planting of trees per the planting design and planting specifications found within the Edmond Tree Grants Manual, and correcting planting issues identified in the post-planting inspection.
- Providing mulch and t-posts/staking materials for trees per specifications in the Edmond Tree Grants Manual
- Overseeing tree establishment care per the Edmond Tree Grants Manual
- Maintaining contact availability with Urban Forestry up until approval of the Final Inspection

- Assuming responsibility for any damage caused by planting, tree location and tree growth, and for future maintenance needs, to include pruning and/or removal of the trees.

The Urban Forestry Department will provide:

- Facilitation of grant review process
- Technical assistance for project details such as a site assessment, tree species and other site considerations
- Planting design, with input from the Points of Contact
- Preparation of the Edmond Tree Grants Agreement
- Procurement of trees for the project
- Specifications for tree planting technique and establishment care of trees, as well as technical guidance during project implementation
- Post-planting inspection
- Consultation on tree issues as needed
- Final Inspection

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