

South Sacramento NeighborWoods Community Grant

Call for Applications – Round One



The Sacramento Tree Foundation is pleased to announce an Urban and Community Forestry Program funding opportunity for South Sacramento residents, community groups, and anyone interested in advancing urban forestry in South Sacramento! This program is possible through the support and partnership of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The Sacramento Tree Foundation is a community-based organization working to grow thriving communities through stewardship of the urban forest. Our NeighborWoods program is a community-led movement that brings neighbors together through tree planting and care activities in neighborhoods suffering tree canopy inequity. We are seeking applicants from our South Sacramento NeighborWoods grant area with creative project ideas that improve tree canopy or provide education about the importance of trees.

The purpose of this NeighborWoods Community Grant is to support innovative, community-led projects that improve the health of the community and the region's air quality and tree canopy. South Sacramento has less tree canopy than many areas in the City and because of that, residents are exposed to more environmental inequities. Trees are important in helping combat air pollution, extreme heat, and high rates of several medical conditions, like asthma and obesity.

While trees are important, we know that trees in urban spaces are only successful when the community supports their health and growth. That's why we are offering this grant opportunity. We know that the people who live, work, and play in South Sacramento are most knowledgeable about how to grow a full and healthy tree canopy in their neighborhoods, front yards, parks, and schools. Do you have an idea about how to grow tree canopy in South Sacramento? This funding is available to turn your vision into a reality. Apply today to spread the word about the value of trees and to help get them planted!

If you are interested in receiving a grant, please review the criteria and details below and submit the NeighborWoods Community Grant Application Form by **September 15th, 2020**.

Program Details:

- Maximum grant of \$5,000 per cycle is available to applicants.
- There will be three possible funding cycles in September 2020, January 2021, and August 2021.
- Applicants may apply for more than one funding cycle, eligibility pending initial project completion.
- Some funds may be eligible for payment upon award of grant; remaining funds will be available upon approval of final report.
- Priority will be given to applicants living within the project area, as well as diverse, disadvantaged, or low-income applicants.
- Projects must occur within the South Sacramento NeighborWoods grant area (see map attached).
- A NeighborWoods Community Grant Completion Report must be submitted at the end of each project.
- First funding cycle project completion required by December 2020.

Examples of possible projects include:

- Planning a community tree planting
- Promoting residential tree plantings to your neighbors
- Educational and community outreach, translation services
- Tree care (watering, mulching, turf/ground cover removal, pruning)
- Young tree maintenance
- Trees and native plant gardens
- Efficient irrigation supplies and installation
- Mature tree care
- Stump removal
- Memorial tree ceremonies
- Fruit tree planting
- Landscape retrofits
- All ideas considered! Be creative!

Questions regarding project applications, eligibility, or the South Sac NeighborWoods project?

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**South Sacramento NeighborWoods
2020-2022 Project Area**

