

Kentucky Division of Forestry
Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grant - 2024 Awards

Organization	City/County	Project Title	Brief Summary of Project	Total IRA Funding Awarded
Trees Lexington!	Lexington	Enhancing Environmental Education through Tree Planting in Disadvantaged Communities in Collaboration with Fayette County Public Schools and Bluegrass Greensource	Trees Lexington proposes to plant 720 trees on 15 school in underserved and disadvantaged communities with educators and students. Additionally, they propose to conduct environmental studies with educators and students at each school in cooperation with Bluegrass Greensource program educators and Fayette County Public Schools. This project aims to create a sustainable model for environmental education that addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities.	\$250,000.00
American Cave Conservation Association	Hart County	Two Hart County communities celebrate Kentucky's native trees with a 4 year community wide planting and education programs.	American Cave Conservation Association in cooperation with the city of Horse Cave and Munfordville, as well as several other local municipal and community organizations proposes to conduct tree canopy surveys and develop master plans for planting 400 native trees between the two community. They propose to provide education programs in and add enrichment opportunities for the forestry curriculum at Hart Co. High Schools. Additionally, they propose establishing a position for a certified specialist to serve communities and residents.	\$250,000.00
City of Newport	Newport	West Newport Greenway Planning and Implementation	The City of Newport is proposing to convert a major roadway and riverfront park into a true greenway that will benefit West Newport and the entire City of Newport. This project will include a greenway master plan, conversion of approx. 8,000 sq ft of hardscape to greenscape, and the planting of 100 trees.	\$215,000.00
City of Jackson	Jackson	Jackson Open Space Planning and Tree Planting Project	This project is a community-led endeavor aimed at breathing new life into the city of Jackson. The project will increase tree canopy and improve quality of life through the creation of greenways. Among the project's objectives are the improvement of air and water quality, stormwater reduction, the creation of habitats for wildlife, and the encouragement of ecotourism.	\$172,076.00
Operation PRIDE	Bowling Green	Bowling Green's West Side Tree Planting Project	This project will plant 325 trees in underserved and disadvantaged areas on the west side of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The trees will be a combination of non-invasive flowering trees, deciduous hard woods, and arborvitaes. Thirty trees will be planted at Parker Bennett Curry elementary school with a local volunteer tree organization, ReTree, teaching the students about the importance of trees and basic tree education.	\$149,482.00
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	Developing a Community Forestry Workforce for Eastern Kentucky	The purpose of the proposed project is to grow the workforce trained in community forestry for eastern Kentucky. University students majoring in various fields including natural resource management and agriculture will be trained to identify trees, plant and maintain trees, increase the capacity for community tree care and maintenance, conduct tree inventories, collaborate with municipal tree boards, and to lead outreach and education activities including tree giveaways and tree care workshops. Proposed planting 100 trees.	\$148,931.00
City of Owensboro	Owensboro	Owensboro's Equitable Urban Canopy Initiative	The City of Owensboro proposes to implement a multi-faceted urban forestry initiative involving inventory, assessment, removal as needed, and plantings 10020 trees aimed at increasing equitable access to urban tree canopy to multiple marginalized and burdened community park locations and develop a tree assessment and management policy to serve current residents and future generations.	\$84,303.00
City of Ludlow	Ludlow	Ludlow Tree Project	The City of Ludlow proposes to conduct a canopy inventory, establish a tree ordinance, create a planting and maintenance plan for public trees, and plant 80 trees. Throughout this project the City will engage the public with an education champaign aimed at raising public awareness of the trees and their benefits. Being a small city with limited resources, the City also proposes using these funds to support and on-call arborist for two years.	\$78,840.00
Kenton County Conservation District	Elsmere	Howell Woods Urban Tree Restoration and Education Project	This project proposes to enhance an approximate 1.5 acre stand of urban forest in the underserved community of Elsmere, KY adjacent to an elementary school, and will include forest stand improvements to remove dead/dying trees and replanting of native tree species. The proposal also includes community forest focused education at the school and woodlot as part of the enhancements and plantings.	\$71,796.00

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Louisville Grows	Louisville	Urban Forestry Enhancement Project	Louisville Grows seeks to hire an Urban Forestry Assistant and support its Urban Forestry program in urban greening projects to increase the tree canopy as well as education of urban greening among residents in disadvantaged neighborhoods.	\$71,616.00
Mason County Fiscal Court	Maysville/Mason County	Tree Planting and Education Project	The Cummins Nature Preserve proposes to provide local underserved and disadvantaged communities with opportunities for environmental education focused on trees. This will be accomplished through the planting over 300 trees, the strategic placement of educational signage and pamphlets, and the establishment of a community-wide Adopt-A-Tree program, community events, and other educational opportunities.	\$44,310.00
Regional Water Resource Agency	Owensboro	Taking it to the streets! Owensboro's public awareness and adopt-a-tree program.	The Regional Water Resource Agency proposes to conduct a public education effort through neighborhood alliance networks focusing on public right-of-way tree planting. This effort would encourage adjacent property owners to take responsibility for the trees care. Proposed planting 120 trees.	\$43,267.00
City of Elkton	Elkton	Elkton Community Forestry Project	The city of Elkton proposes to improve its community forest by taking inventory of existing public trees, developing a strategic plan to make improvements to our urban forest, updating city policy based on latest science, and educating the public about best practices. The City will establish ordinance and recommended tree list.	\$42,201.00
City of Winchester	Winchester	Tree Planting for Climate Resiliency & Healthy Neighborhoods	This project will install 28 trees in underserved areas of Winchester, KY using root barriers and structural soil technology; converting of hardscape to greenscape planting area in its dense urban core.	\$26,692.00
City of Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort Tree Planting in Underserved Areas	The City of Frankfort plans to plant 56 trees in public right-of-ways of underserved areas. Approximately half the trees will be new to the neighborhoods and the other half will be replacement trees that the city has lost due to disease, death or safety hazards. An educational component will also be incorporated into the project about the benefits of trees.	\$20,000.00
City of Hopkinsville	Hopkinsville	Hopkinsville Tree Planting Project	The City of Hopkinsville plans to complete a tree-planting project as part of surveying public right-of-ways and on publicly owned property. Due to severe storms in 2023, the City has lost more than 1,000 trees and would like to begin to replace the trees lost over this period of time through this project.	\$19,075.00