Cleveland Tree Coalition Grant Program

The Cleveland Tree Coalition is a collaborative group of public, private, and community stakeholders partnered with the City of Cleveland to rebuild our urban forest. The coalition is striving to create a healthy, vibrant, sustainable, and equitable urban forest by working collaboratively to implement the Cleveland Tree Plan.

The Coalition is offering member organizations an opportunity to apply for up to $75,000 in grant funds to complete a tree planting project on public or private property in the City of Cleveland.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT:

- Plant in the city of Cleveland and in neighborhoods with low tree canopy cover
- Incorporate proper site selection, including planting on private property
- Provide a comprehensive planting and three-year maintenance plan

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RETURN TO SAMIRA MALONE AT **SMALONE@WRLANDCONSERVANCY.ORG** BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH. THE WINNING APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN OCTOBER.

CLEVELAND TREE COALITION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Lead Person Name		Title		Email Address:	
Street Address	City	State	Zip	Preferred Phone No.:	
Organization					
Website and/or Social Media Pages					

BUDGET REQUEST

Budget Amount

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Please fill out the project expenses worksheet below and include all funding sources (these numbers should match).

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Have you been an active member of the Cleveland Tree Coalition (CTC)? If so, provide a short narrative in 150 words or less detailing your contributions to the CTC over the past two years and include any partners:

Does your organization employ a certified arborist? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Will you be hiring a contractor and if so, who?
Has your organization organized a tree planting before? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Number of trees planted over the past two years
Number of tree planting events your organization has hosted over the past two years	

PROJECT SPECIFICS

Please provide a brief summary of your project in 150 words or less:

Does this project involve a resident engagement or education component? If so, describe: ☐ Yes   ☐ No

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In what season do you intend to plant your trees?
☐ Fall 2023   ☐ Spring 2024   ☐ Fall 2024

Which Cleveland neighborhood or neighborhoods is this project located in?

What is the percentage of tree canopy cover for the neighborhood from the Cuyahoga County
most recent UTC Assessment?

Are community groups or individuals involved in the planting and maintenance of these trees? ☐ Yes   ☐ No
If you answered 'yes', please describe who you've engaged and how:

Will these trees replace trees that previously lived on the site? ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Does the project include any additional green infrastructure or improvements? ☐ Yes   ☐ No
If you answered 'yes', briefly describe other environmental improvement activities past or planned in the target project area (this can include implementation of stormwater best management practices, hillside restoration, etc.)

Does this project address environmental justice? ☐ Yes   ☐ No
If 'yes', please describe it below

What possible infrastructure conflicts exist on the sites (overhead wires, water lines, driveway apron)?

Please describe the typical site conditions for trees in the targeted planting area:

Will trees be planted on private or public property?	Are permits required and if so, have they been secured? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the owner granted permission to plant on property? *(If the answer is yes, please attach a letter of permission)* ☐ Yes ☐ No	Will a certified arborist assist in the planting and maintaining the trees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many trees will be planted at the site?

Who will be responsible for the maintenance of these trees?

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TREE PLANTING INVENTORY

Number of Trees	Tree Species (Botanical name; Common Name)	Native Tree, Yes or No?	Balled and Burlap (BB), Container (C), or Bare Root (BR)?	Caliper in Inches
	Total # of Trees			

MAINTENANCE AND SURVIVABILITY PLAN

Briefly describe the methods, strategies, and frequency for the following maintenance activities over a three-year timeframe.

☐ **WATERING:** What methods will be used to water new trees? How often? What criteria will be used to determine how much water? Will watering application change over the next three years?

☐ **MULCH:** What kind of mulch will be used? How often will it be renewed? Will you agree to follow proper mulching guidelines as provided by the Arbor Day Foundation?

☐ **PRUNING:** What types of pruning are required for your project? Does an established pruning cycle already exist in your municipality?

☐ **STAKING:** Will staking be needed? What staking materials be used? If trees are staked , when will staking materials be removed?

☐ **OTHER:** Please provide any other details for maintenance activities that may be necessary for best establishment at the project location, e.g. weeding, protection from animal browse and/or weather damage (wind, snow, etc.).

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PROJECT EXPENSES

Fill out each row from left to right

Project expense	Source/contractor or staff title	Quantity	Cost per unit	Grant request	Local match funds	Total cost
		Total estimated cost		Percentage	100%
		Total grant request		Percentage	
		Total local match		Percentage	

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PLANTING LOCATIONS

When submitting application, attach an image of each site at which your organization intends to plant.

Site Name (If applicable)	Address

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Activity

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