



**CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry**  
**2024 Inflation Reduction Act Awards Summary**  
 (\*amounts may have been adjusted by mutual consent of the grantees and CAL FIRE\*)

<b>22</b>	<b>\$30,944,717.60</b>		<b>4 Awards</b> <b>\$4,889,043.22</b>	<b>6 Awards</b> <b>\$4,540,676.00</b>	<b>3 Awards</b> <b>\$4,111,802.00</b>	<b>5 Awards</b> <b>\$6,966,364.85</b>	<b>1 Award</b> <b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>3 Awards</b> <b>\$8,936,831.53</b>
AWARDS	TOTAL FUNDING		URBAN FOREST EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT	URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	GREEN SCHOOLYARDS	URBAN FOREST EQUITY CAPACITY BUILDING	URBAN FORESTRY REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE IMPACT

**Urban Forest Expansion and Improvement**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
City of Ukiah	Mendocino	City of Ukiah Climate Resilient Forests Project	This project will develop a climate-resilient urban forest canopy by planting trees and vegetation adapted to changing climate conditions through an integrated community engagement process. The project will result in over 700 newly established trees that will provide equitable access and connectivity to green space and natural resources to the City's most vulnerable communities. The project will employ nature-based solutions that support the City's 2040 General Plan goal to create a more climate-resilient community.	\$1,399,895.00
Hollywood Beautification Team	Los Angeles	Enhancing the Urban Forest in the San Fernando Valley	This project will plant 750 shade trees in disadvantaged Northeast San Fernando Valley neighborhoods. All tree species selected will be chosen to maximize environmental benefits, including carbon capture and shade production, and are known to thrive in the local environment. Hollywood Beautification Team will work with the community to integrate this project with existing education programs and establish a complementary "Neighborhood Watch for Trees" among parent and neighborhood groups that will monitor and care for the trees long-term.	\$827,584.55
North East Trees, Inc.	Los Angeles	East LA GROW (Greening, Resilience, Opportunity, Workforce Development)	This project will recruit, train, and employ a crew of up to 10 local youth and young adults from East Los Angeles and spearhead grassroots community engagement efforts, establishing relationships with hundreds of residents across East LA to distribute 500 large canopy residential trees. This project will also host 15 educational workshops focused on tree care and ongoing engagement with a team of local professionals and will lead the planting of 500 trees in the public right-of-way in East LA.	\$1,482,584.25
TreePeople	San Bernardino	San Bernardino Shade Equity Project	This project aims to build the capacity necessary to establish environmental equity in San Bernardino through a comprehensive urban tree canopy expansion, community organizing, and workforce development. At least 1,500 trees will be planted throughout disadvantaged communities. Long-term tree care will follow for a minimum establishment period in order to ensure sustainability of all green infrastructure installed.	\$1,178,979.42
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,889,043.22</b>

**Urban Forest Management Activities**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
City of Ceres	Stanislaus	Branching Out: Enhancing Equity, Engagement, and Resilience in Ceres' Urban Forest	The City of Ceres will plant 1,300 trees across the City and implement an Urban Forest Management Plan. This project will increase Ceres canopy cover, climate resilience, and community engagement and involvement, while decreasing the urban heat island effect and greenhouse gas emissions, with a focus on environment-related comorbidities such as asthma, cardiovascular incidents, and even obesity.	\$1,084,600.00
City of Coalinga	Fresno	Coalinga Urban Forest Management Project	The City of Coalinga will conduct a citywide tree inventory, including mapping and health analysis, and develop the Coalinga Urban Forest Management Plan (CUFMP) to ensure long-term care of the urban forest, expansion of the City's tree canopy, and establishment of ordinances to guide both municipal and residential tree planting and care. This project will also implement urban forest management software to track forest health and expansion. 20 new trees will be planted and the City will implement tree-centric education elements in local schools. Community outreach/education will occur during the development of the CUFMP and in conjunction with tree-planting activities.	\$351,576.00
City of Lynwood	Los Angeles	City of Lynwood Urban Forest Management Plan Project	The City of Lynwood will develop and implement the City's first official urban forest management plan (UFMP). The process will include comprehensive data collection on existing green infrastructure, resident-driven feedback on urban forest health, and LiDAR-verified canopy analysis. Data collection will also be augmented by community surveys and outreach workshops for community input to identify priorities. At least 500 public trees will be planted strategically, with another 500 distributed to City residents.	\$852,500.00

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Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
City of Montebello	Los Angeles	City of Montebello Urban Forest Management Plan Project	This City of Montebello will develop their first ever urban forest management plan (UFMP). The project will begin with robust assessments of existing green infrastructure, as well as community-driven feedback on urban forest health. Assessments will include completion of an inventory for all trees managed by the City, as well as a LIDAR-verified tree canopy analysis. Data collection will be completed through community surveying and workshops. Existing City planning documents will be reviewed and updated where needed to incorporate the UFMP. At least 500 trees will be planted and long-term tree care will follow.	\$777,500.00
City of Rialto	San Bernardino	City of Rialto Urban Forest Management Plan Project	The City of Rialto will develop its first urban forest management plan (UFMP). Assessments will include updating the full inventory of City trees, as well as LiDAR tree canopy data. Local surveys and outreach workshops will be conducted for community input to identify priorities. Existing City planning documents will be reviewed for alignment with the UFMP. A total of 500 public trees will be planted, with another 250 distributed to residents of disadvantaged communities. Long-term tree care will follow.	\$789,500.00
County of Alameda - Community Development Agency Planning Department	Alameda	Unincorporated Alameda County Urban Forest Plan	Alameda County will develop a comprehensive Urban Forest Plan (UFP) that prepares the County to equitably increase tree canopy over the next 50 years. The Project Area includes the unincorporated communities within the County's urban growth boundary, a contiguous, 20 square-mile area with 150,000 residents. UFP development will be sensitive to the County's historical role in perpetuating inequities and will position the County to expand canopy coverage to directly benefit low-income residents. The County will engage consultant(s) with expertise in urban forestry, municipal tree programing, and strategic facilitation to guide UFP development.	\$685,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,540,676.00</b>

**Urban Forestry Education and Workforce Development**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
Groundwork Richmond	Contra Costa	Groundwork Richmond Urban Forestry Workforce Development - Green Jobs for Richmond!	The Green Jobs for Richmond program will hire 20 participants to work on its urban forestry crew as full-time employees and pay them living wages plus benefits. Partnerships with wraparound services are a priority. Online certification in programs such as OSHA, CalOSHA safety, CPR, sexual harassment prevention, traffic safety, ISA training, and resume/interview combined with an extended field experience working on the urban forestry crew.	\$1,112,561.91
Little Manila Foundation	San Joaquin	Little Manila's GreenPath Workforce Initiative for South Stockton	This project focuses on workforce development for systems impacted and youth communities from South Stockton. This project will offer a 15-week arboriculture and job-readiness course related to urban forestry while providing intersectional workshops related to public health, emotional and mental well-being, and urban forestry technical skill building over 7 training cohorts, with 28 trainees enrolled in the program. Curriculum will integrate plantings, on-the-job fieldwork, and specialized training around technology in urban forestry planning and environmental justice applications.	\$1,499,240.09
Southern California Mountains Foundation	San Bernardino	Promoting Equity and Diversity in Urban Forestry Workforce Development	This project will engage diverse youth people from disadvantaged communities in the City of San Bernardino and the Coachella Valley in professional arborist workforce development that 1) trains participants in urban forestry occupational industry best management practices/standards, 2) provides paid work experience with urban forestry professionals in cities and other urban greening organizations, 3) help obtain professional certifications, 4) plant and grow over 500 climate-ready trees, and 5) build their social-emotional employability development skills/competencies.	\$1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,111,802.00</b>

**Green Schoolyards**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
Council for Watershed Health (CWH)	Los Angeles	Implementing Healthy Schoolyards for Los Angeles Unified	This project will provide green schoolyard implementation to 3 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) campuses. Designs reflect significant school community input. Each campus schoolyard is predominantly asphalt/concrete and located within a highly urbanized, often industrial/freeway dominated, neighborhood. This project will remove a total of 31,600 square feet of asphalt and plant 90 new trees. LAUSD will serve as the primary project partner.	\$1,499,998.00
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	Los Angeles	Baldwin Hills Elementary School Living Schoolyard	This project will build a large swath of natural play space and outdoor learning environment, plant 33 trees, and replace asphalt with walk-on natural mulch, shrubs, and turf. The project provides 24,800 square feet of tree canopy, removes 24,190 square feet of asphalt, which will be replaced by natural ground cover, and mitigates stormwater flooding on campus.	\$1,402,935.00
Pittsburg Unified School District	Contra Costa	Stoneman Elementary Green Schoolyards Implementation Project	This project will implement a schoolyard greening plan for Stoneman Elementary. At Stoneman's kindergarten play yard, Pittsburg Unified School District will add an outdoor classroom featuring shade trees, canopies, and seating for kids to retreat from the blacktop or play structure. This project also includes an outdoor nature area, oaks, seating areas and tables, and educational signage.	\$1,499,424.00

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Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
SLA	Los Angeles	Green Futures: Enhancing Community Well-being through Green Schoolyard Initiatives	This project targets 8 schools within the Lynwood Unified School District located in disadvantaged communities. It aims to transform outdoor spaces through native tree planting, play area upgrades, stormwater capture systems, the use of sustainable materials, and the design of nature-based environments.	\$1,455,805.00
STEM Preparatory Schools	Los Angeles	STEM Prep Elementary Green Schoolyard	This project will improve the main schoolyard and provide a new outdoor learning area for STEM Prep Elementary School in West Adams, Los Angeles. The project will remove asphalt to provide green space and shade trees for the students, staff, and the school community. Additional beneficiaries will be the church community that is co-located with the school, other community groups that use the site, and the larger residential community around the school.	\$1,108,202.85
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$6,966,364.85</b>

**Urban Forest Equity Capacity Building**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
San Joaquin Community Foundation	San Joaquin	Seeds of San Joaquin Capacity Building Grant Program	This project will launch the Seeds of San Joaquin Capacity Building Grant Program which aims to develop and implement a community-led, equity-centered regranteeing process for capacity building to serve three main project goals: 1.) implement a countywide regranteeing program to directly support community-based organizations; 2.) to incubate small, emerging, or new non-traditional organizations or community-based groups; 3.) to support organizations/groups in securing project implementation funds needed to implement place-based projects in priority populations, including disadvantaged and low-income communities.	\$1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>

**Urban Forestry Regional or Statewide Impact**

Applicant	County	Project Title	Project Description	Award Amount
California ReLeaf	Sacramento	California Canopy Equity	The California Canopy Equity (CCE) is a pass-through grant program designed to expand and maintain urban tree canopy in underserved communities through a robust technical assistance strategy across California. Partnering with the Hispanic Arborist Association and the Hispanic Access Foundation, this project hopes to expand inclusivity to support more Spanish-speaking communities. CCE will support nonprofits by funding community-driven projects delivering climate-appropriate species selection, project-specific tree inventories, feasible budgets, and long-term tree care plans.	\$2,962,911.60
Earth Island Institute	Alameda	Strengthening the California Schoolyard Forest System	This project will ensure the success of the California Schoolyard Forest System (CASFS) Southern California Regional Hub by: supporting school districts implementing their Schoolyard Forest Action Plans; launching a second Leadership Institute cohort; and developing a true "community of practice" in the region. It will also strengthen the CASFS statewide by: continuing to provide leadership and coordination; ensuring existing online resources for schoolyard forest design, implementation, maintenance, and use are reaching target audiences; expanding strategic partnerships; and evaluating the impact of the CASFS initiative. This project will also analyze promising practices and help districts to create management plans.	\$2,998,756.93
Imperial Irrigation District	Imperial	Shade Trees for Southern California's Deserts	This project will carry out a 6,000 tree planting project across the desert Southern California counties of Imperial, Central Riverside, and Eastern Riverside. The project will focus on planting trees in disadvantaged communities and underrepresented demographic groups with environmental, social, and economically identified needs. 50% of trees will be planted in residential homes and 50% will be planted in public spaces. Project deliverables include: urban forestry planning, planting and maintenance, widespread urban forest education and stewardship, local economic stimulation, and community engagement.	\$2,975,163.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$8,936,831.53</b>

<b>TOTAL FOR ALL GRANT TYPES</b>				<b>\$30,944,717.60</b>
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