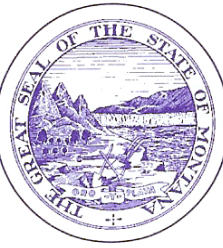


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DATE: *October 30th, 2009*
TO: *All Montana Communities*
FROM: *Montana Urban & Community Forestry Program (Contact: Jamie Kirby, 542-4284)*
RE: ***2010 Arbor Day Grant Program***

*The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) announces the availability of the Arbor Day Grants program for 2010. All communities in Montana interested in participating in Arbor Day 2010 are eligible to apply. Any community may apply for a **\$300 grant** while communities with Tree City USA designation since at least 2008 may apply for a **\$1,000 grant**.*

This is a reimbursement grant with a required 35% match. A community requesting reimbursement must submit copies of paid invoices in the amount of the grant plus an additional 35% (i.e., \$105.00 addition for the \$300 award OR \$350 addition for the \$1000 award) to receive payment. Match may be cash or in-kind donations by the grantee.

Montana annually celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April; however, trees and planting conditions don't honor calendars and many Montana communities choose to celebrate Arbor Day at different times. Please plan accordingly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Application and proclamation available at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/Urban/grants.asp>

Application deadline is January 1, 2010. Awards made by February 15, 2010.

Successful applicants must return the grant agreement by March 1, 2010, or the grant award is null and void.

Projects must be completed no later than June 15, 2010.

A project report form (available online) with receipts is due at project completion.

Completed application and Arbor Day proclamation should be submitted to:

Montana DNRC, U&CF Program, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804 OR by fax at 542-4203.

Thanks for your participation!

*Sincerely,
Jamie Kirby*

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