



Tree Grants

Park Pride is pleased to partner with the City of Atlanta to administer the Park Pride Tree Grant. The grants provide funding for communities to plant trees in parks.

How the Program Works

Community groups can apply for 40% matching grants toward the purchase of trees for their parks. The Tree Grant funds can be used *only* for the purchase of trees as well as service packages for tree installation and tree maintenance. The required community match can include trees, landscape improvements, building improvements, or other projects to improve the park from the past 5 years (subject to approval).

Grant Guidelines

- Trees purchased with Tree Grant funds must be planted in a City of Atlanta public park.
- Grant funds may be used only for the purchase of trees, and service packages for tree installation and tree maintenance.
- The applicant group is required to match the grant award sixty cents on the dollar. The match can be fulfilled by any park improvement from the past five years. Documentation of the improvement costs will be necessary.
- Documented in-kind donations and volunteer labor done in the park during the past five years may go toward the match. One volunteer hour is valued at the current rate established by Independent Sector (www.independentsector.org)
- The City of Atlanta Recommended Tree List is a guide for tree selection. Trees not listed are considered on a case-by-case basis (submit an explanation of selection with application).
- Trees must be planted between November 1 and April 1.
- Trees must be planted to ANSI A300 Standards
- A site plan for the new tree plantings is required. It must show tree species, size and location.
- To qualify for the grant, the tree planting plan must be:
 1. Approved by the community associations whose jurisdictions include or abut the park, AND
 2. Approved by the City of Atlanta's Office of Parks (Park Pride will facilitate this process when you submit your application).
- Trees will require a maintenance plan including watering, mulching, and pruning.
- Trees will require a warranty period.

Deadlines for submission

Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed at the end of each calendar month. Awards will generally be announced by the middle of the following month. Tree grant applications are available for download at <http://www.parkpride.org/get-involved/funding-your-park>.

Questions?

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