



Small Grant Program for Private Property Plantings

Through the Cumberland River Compact, lead operational partner and fiscal agent of the Root Nashville campaign, funding is available for the **Oct 2022-March 2023** planting season for planting projects on private property.

Eligibility:

- This opportunity is open to nonprofits operating in Nashville who are equipped to handle a full-service planting project on private property (which may include ordering, managing delivery, hiring contractors, coordinating volunteers and/or planting, completing final reports, and adding trees to TreePlotter).
- Eligible nonprofits include those with tree-planting programs, as well as neighborhood associations with nonprofit status.
- Proposed planting projects are meant to be additive to an organization's already-existing plans to ensure Nashville is meeting its campaign goals. This opportunity is meant to expand on the great work already in motion.

Timeline:

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from July 15, 2022 through August 31, 2022. Applications will be reviewed within two weeks of submission, including during the application window.
- Applicants are encouraged to attend the Thursday, August 11, 2022 Root Nashville Advisory Board meeting (11:30am-1:00pm) to present general ideas and hear others' projected areas of focus. Zoom link included at bottom.
- Proposed planting projects must take place between October 2022 and the end of February 2023.
- Final reports are due by March 21, 2023.

Funding:

- A total of \$300,000 is available to grantees.
- Requested funding may only support the planting of trees (at least 1"-caliper in size), tree delivery, direct costs associated with tree planting (i.e. mulch, staking supplies), weekly watering for the first two summers after planting, and cost of contractor planting support (if included in the proposal).
 - We suggest a guideline of \$130-250 per tree, depending on the watering and maintenance plan. This is the guideline that the Cumberland River Compact uses for all its plantings as well.
- Proposals for 25 trees minimum will be granted priority.
- Projects are reimbursable, with funding sent to grantees after the project is complete and after the final report deadline of March 21, 2023.





- As with Tennessee Division of Forestry TAEP (Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program) funding, the Cumberland River Compact will verify tree plantings after they take place through in-person visits and inspections.
- The Cumberland River Compact team will work to send funding between the report deadline and before the end of March 2023.

Guidelines:

- Proposed planting projects must take place on private property: residential front and backyards, places of worship, nonprofits, or businesses, for example.
- Projects must take place within Davidson County.
- At the time of application submission, applicants should have landowner consent for the project.
- Accepted project applicants will include mentions of the Root Nashville campaign in social media posts and other press.
- A planting plan is required at the time of application submission, and we understand that it may be subject to some change.
 - If the planting plan changed from what was originally submitted, we request a courtesy copy of revised plan.
- Applicants will be reimbursed only for the trees that were planted in the final project, not for the proposed number of trees (if the number differs).
- Applicants are encouraged to present their targeted areas and general ideas for their application at the August 11, 2022 Root Nashville Advisory Board meeting.
- Applicants will be expected to coordinate their planting plans with the Cumberland River Compact (and with other partners as needed), to ensure that projects do not overlap. The Cumberland River Compact will share all its pending private property planting plans with applicants as well.
- This small grant opportunity is intended to be offered annually. Applicants with high tree survivability within this planting season will be granted priority in next season's application process.

Requirements:

- Press and marketing: Any press releases, social media posts, or general communications about the planting project will describe the project as contributing towards the citywide Root Nashville campaign.
- Grantees will be provided co-branded tree tags at no cost.
- Final report: By March 21, 2023, grant recipients are required to submit a short final report to the Cumberland River Compact, including a brief summary of what was completed and all trees added by the grant recipient to TreePlotter.

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[Zoom link for August 11, 2022 Root Nashville Advisory Board meeting](#)

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