

Community Forestry Assistant



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Call for *BIG* Grant Project Ideas!

In past years, the Community Transportation Enhancement (CTE) grant program has offered substantial monetary support to local cities and towns for community forestry projects such as establishing open spaces and parks, reclaiming open areas along road corridors, or establishing landscaped city entryways. For a variety of budgetary reasons, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Enhancement projects are being moved to FY10, including the CTE program. This means we won't have an application period this year, but will next year. However, the future of the CTE program after FY2010 is less clear. More information on this can be found in the upcoming Idaho Community Trees Newsletter, which will be in the mail shortly.

Last year, the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) branch of the USDA Forest Service, from which several Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) forestry programs receive a portion of their funding, began accepting project proposals for its new competitive grant program. This year, the State of Idaho can submit up to four project applications of up to \$300,000 each. This means the IDL Community Forestry program is looking for project ideas from many sources, including local communities. Proposed projects can focus on wide variety of issues; however, collaboration with multiple entities is encouraged, grant dollars and local resources must be appropriately leveraged in a way that results in the benefits or outcomes of the project being magnified or multiplied, and the project must address at least one of the S&PF national themes. These themes are:

- ✓ Theme 1 – Conserve Working Forest Landscapes
- ✓ Theme 2 – Protect Forests From Harm
- ✓ Theme 3 – Enhance Public Benefits Associated with Trees and Forests

The success of State & Private Forestry (S&PF) is based on the assumption that the collective efforts of Federal and State agencies, Tribes, organizations, communities, and individuals will be most effective if federal resources are focused on issues and landscapes of national importance and prioritized on activities that promise meaningful outcomes on the ground. This framework for successful natural resource enhancement is captured as: focus + priority + outcome. The competitive grant process is an effective means of ensuring that federal S&PF dollars are invested in projects that enhance landscapes, address issues of national importance that are identified and supported locally, and provide meaningful, lasting, and measurable outcomes. An example of a successful project is described on the front page of the [Spring 2008 issue of the Idaho Community Forests Newsletter](#).

If you have an idea for a grant project or have questions about the program, please contact your local Community Forestry Assistant. In northern Idaho, call Tera King with Northwest Management, Inc. at 208-883-4488 ext. 133 and in southern Idaho call Gerry Bates at 208-522-5964.

If you would like more information, please contact your local Idaho Department of Lands supported North Idaho Community Forestry Assistant, Tera King at Northwest Management, Inc. at 208-883-4488 ext. 133.