

MSD Reforestation Grant for Streets/Neighborhoods

TreesLouisville will apply for the MSD reforestation grant on behalf of your street/neighborhood with the goal of planting a minimum of 25 trees.

Neighbors will be responsible for securing the tree planting locations by canvassing residents, with a goal of having at least 85% of the trees be larger than a Type C tree (see below).

Trees may be planted in rights-of-way or in a yard; neighbors must adhere to Metro's Urban Forestry Standards when planting in rights-of-way.

Rights-of-Way trees may require hiring a contractor to assist in planting due to their larger size. <https://louisvilleky.gov/parks/document/parks-urban-forestry-standards-2022>

- **Type C Trees:** trees that grow no more than 25 feet tall (examples: redbud, dogwood, fringe)
- **Type B Trees:** trees that range between 25-50 feet (examples: hornbeam, blackgum, yellowwood)
- **Type A Trees:** trees over 50 feet (examples: oaks, honeylocust, linden, most maples)

TreesLouisville will provide you with a list of trees that can be planted (roughly 2 of each type size) with a maximum number of how many of each tree we have. For example, we can offer

5 redbuds and 5 serviceberries for the C tree option and 8 blackgums and 8 hophornbeams for the B tree option..

Neighbors will need to collect the data as to where the trees will go so that we can use the data to complete the MSD grant. *For example: 123 Story Ave - 1 redbud in right of way plus 1 blackgum in front yard.*

Trees will be ready for planting sometime between November-January. Trees, greenwell watering devices, and delivery (to a central location in the neighborhood) will be included with the MSD grant.

Neighbors will be responsible for planting their individual trees & purchasing mulch + stakes unless additional funds from the neighborhood are raised to contract TreesLouisville to plant. The additional cost will depend on the size of the tree, but roughly \$50- \$75 per tree to plant, mulch, and stake unless it is a ball and burlap tree, which will be closer to \$150 (we will need bigger equipment to handle).

Neighbors will be responsible for watering and future care of all trees planted.

Helpful Tips

Consider working with your neighborhood association, which may have additional funding or other ways to support you in this project.

Ask recipients to pay \$X amount to help cover the cost of TL planting

Create flyers or online documents with details about each tree and "right tree right place" so that participants understand their options and can make a tree selection that is right for their home.

If working with a larger neighborhood, consider selecting certain streets or blocks to canvas to avoid having to move and plant over a large area.

Timeline

ASAP: You want to apply for the grant and feel confident that you can reach a minimum of 25 trees

August 1: Grant application due

August - October: You can canvass in your neighborhood

October 31: TreesLouisville needs to know how many trees you have "purchased" so they can be reserved for your neighbors

November 15 and beyond: The neighborhood can schedule a planting date (If hiring TreesLouisville to contract, we may have input as to our availability. We also encourage neighbors to assist in recruiting volunteers to plant.)

Additional Purchases if Planting Yourself (per tree)

Stakes: \$4

Twine: \$1.50

Mulch: \$10

