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Liberty HOAs, Organized Neighborhoods can apply for Tree Grants

LIBERTY, Mo. – For the second year, homeowners associations or organized neighborhood groups can once again apply for Neighborhood Tree grants, which can range from \$500 to \$10,000 depending on the scope of the project, number of grant applications received and available funding.

Examples of eligible projects:

- Planting street trees
- Planting trees as a buffer
- Re-forestation neighborhood green space
- Replacement of lost or damaged trees

The Liberty City Council, in cooperation with Liberty Parks & Rec and the Liberty Tree Board, established the tree grant program in 2018 to promote the health and safety of Liberty citizens by improving air quality, reducing storm water runoff, and providing a more pleasant and attractive environment.

This program encourages neighborhoods to plant trees to increase the community forest canopy, which will ensure the continued health, social, and environmental benefits trees provide to our community. The purpose of the Neighborhood Tree Grant Program is to assist Liberty neighborhoods with a coordinated and planned program of tree planting on public and private neighborhood property to further enhance the community forest.

Submissions are due to Liberty Parks & Rec, 1600 S. Withers Road, Liberty, Mo. 64068, by 5 p.m. on April 1. The application can be downloaded from the City of Liberty Tree Board webpage at

www.libertymissouri.gov/TreeBoard.

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Eligible organizations are not required to be incorporated, but must have an elected board of officers, by-laws, and a membership roll, as well as be registered with the City of Liberty. To register your organization, just provide a copy of the organization's by-laws and a list of officers. There is no fee to register. The City of Liberty staff is available to assist your neighborhood with forming an organization, if needed.

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