

### 1 Million Trees Planting Grants – Summary of Funding Program

Title	2019 Million Trees Assistance Program Grants
Purpose	Support King County’s goals for the 1 Million Trees initiative by planting large numbers of trees by the end of 2020.
Authority	2019/2020 County Budget Approval – Ord. 2018-0465
Available Funds	~\$700K
Award Frequency	One time awards in 2019; may need supplemental awards in 2020 to use up the fund
Area of Focus	Original funds were for urban areas. There is still an emphasis on urban growth areas, but it is not required to locate projects in UGAs. Riparian and upland areas are eligible.
Eligible Applicants	Non-profits, local governments, tribes, special purpose districts
Eligible Activities	Tree planting – eligible costs include labor for planting, purchase of trees and other planting-related materials such as compost for top-dressing and tree protectors. Funds may not be used for administrative/overhead costs.
Individual Award Limits	Minimum of \$25,000, no maximum
Match	No match or leverage required
Timeframe	Funds must be expended by 12/31/2020
Method of Award	Processes run by WRIAs – will be similar to how CWM projects are currently selected
Funds Division Among WRIAs	Divide evenly unless a WRIA decides they can’t use the funds quickly enough. Unused funds will be re-apportioned among WRIAs cooperatively as needed to expedite use.
Suggested Criteria for Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects must be located in King County</li> <li>• Preference for urban growth areas, although not required</li> <li>• Preference for projects that address equity and social justice</li> <li>• Maximize number of trees planted</li> <li>• Provide habitat benefit by planting concentrations of trees (as opposed to individual plantings such as street trees)</li> <li>• Prioritize riparian and floodplain habitats, but upland habitats allowed</li> <li>• Good past performance in completing grants on time</li> <li>• Already have selected sites for planting</li> <li>• Already have any needed permits and owner permission</li> <li>• Site prep and invasive management already done or scheduled to be done prior by 4/1/2020 – must be paid for by other sources and have that funding already in hand</li> </ul>
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WRIAs will advertise program as needed, solicit applications and develop proposed list of projects</li> <li>• 1 Million Trees team will approve final grant list</li> <li>• KC WLRD Director will sign grant agreements and amendments</li> <li>• KC WLRD Grant Administrator will administer the grants</li> </ul>