

# Informing Projects

## \$968,000

Urban Forest Stewardship in Austin Texas  
2015-2021



**Development** CITY OF AUSTIN  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## Informing Project:

### BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE GRANTS Education

#### 2021 AWARD

\$30,000

#### IMPACT

Bright Green Future Grants is a competitive program that provides funding for school-based sustainability projects up to \$3,000. In 2021 BGF Grants helped provide urban forest ecosystem education to 8,227 students.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

Office of Sustainability  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/bright-green-future-school-grants>



## Informing Project:

### TA BROWN URBAN FORESTRY YOUTH EDUCATION Education

#### **2021 AWARD**

\$12,195

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### **IMPACT**

TA Brown hosted a Project Learning Tree training for its new campus. 30 teachers and administrators received Project Learning Tree training. This program provides teachers with TEKS-aligned lesson plans about trees and forestry.

#### **LEAD PARTNERS**

Austin Independent School District



## Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPARATION Education

**2021 AWARD**  
\$19,080

**IMPACT**  
Course providing fundamental knowledge in arboriculture for individuals preparing to become a certified arborist. 206 students completed the class.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<http://www.arborholic.com/cap>



## Informing Project: TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

**2021 AWARD**  
\$13,650

**IMPACT**  
Course providing knowledge on tree maintenance practices to City of Austin employees.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<https://arborholic.com.tmt>



## Informing Project:

### BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE GRANTS Education

#### 2020 AWARD

\$23,405

#### IMPACT

Bright Green Future Grants is a competitive program that provides funding for school-based sustainability projects up to \$3,000. In 2020 BGF Grants helped provide urban forest ecosystem education to 3,400 students.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

Office of Sustainability  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/bright-green-future-school-grants>





## Informing Project:

PEAS\_2020

## Urban Forestry Youth Education

### 2020 AWARD

\$47,500

### IMPACT

PEAS works with teachers and schools to engage students and teachers in learning about trees as integral parts of urban ecosystems.

With this grant, PEAS provided care for 21 trees and education for 1,819 students.

### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

### LEAD PARTNERS

Partners for Education, Agriculture, and Sustainability  
[www.peascommunity.org/](http://www.peascommunity.org/)



## Informing Project: Tree of the Year Plaque Education

**2020 AWARD**  
\$1,321.00

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**IMPACT**  
The 2012 Tree of the Year plaque at Mckinney Falls State Park was stolen. This grant was made available to have a replacement created and mounted in its place.

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Friends of McKinney Falls State Park







## Informing Project: TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

**2020 AWARD**  
\$12,614.00

**IMPACT**  
Course providing knowledge  
on tree maintenance  
practices to City of Austin  
employees.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation  
Division, Development Services,  
City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<https://arborholic.com.tmt>



## Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPARATION Education

### 2020 AWARD

\$17,998.00

### IMPACT

Course providing fundamental knowledge in arboriculture for individuals preparing to become a certified arborist. .

### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

### LEAD APPLICANT

Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

### CONTRACT RECIPIENT

Arborholic, Inc.

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## Informing Project:

### BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE GRANTS Education

#### **2019 AWARD**

\$89,185

#### **IMPACT**

Bright Green Future Grants is a competitive program that provides funding for school-based sustainability projects up to \$3,000. In 2019 BGF Grants helped provide urban forest ecosystem education to approximately 12,950 students.

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### **LEAD APPLICANT**

Office of Sustainability  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/bright-green-future-school-grants>



## Informing Project:

### AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

#### Public Education

#### 2019 AWARD

\$69,648

#### IMPACT

Austin Environmental Heros is a summer jobs program for Austin high school students ages 14 to 18. Participating teens gain experience in urban tree care and water quality testing.

<https://treefolks.org/aeh/>

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

TreeFolks

#### Partners

Austin Youth River Water





## Informing Project: URBAN FOREST STEWARDS Education

**2019 AWARD**  
\$38,187

**IMPACT**  
Annual educational series and learning-volunteer opportunities help teach residents how to care for Austin's urban forest. 2019's program provided urban forest education to approximately 127 community members.

<http://www.treefolks.org/ufs/>

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Contracted by Development Services Community Tree Preservation Division with TreeFolks.





## Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPERATION Education

**2019 AWARD**  
\$12,890

**IMPACT**  
Course providing fundamental knowledge in arboriculture for individuals preparing to become a certified arborist. 57 people participated in this year's course.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<http://www.arborholic.com/cap>



## Informing Project: TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

**2019 AWARD**  
\$7,597

**IMPACT**  
Course providing knowledge on tree maintenance practices to City of Austin employees. 74 City of Austin employees participated in this year's course.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<https://arborholic.com.tmt>



## Informing Project: URBAN FOREST ENGAGEMENT Public Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$19,133

**IMPACT**  
Building Urban Forest  
Awareness through Outreach,  
Engagement and Events.

Austin Parks Foundation  
engages with the community to  
promote stewardship and  
volunteerism on our public  
parks.

<http://austinparks.org/>

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Austin Parks Foundation



## Informing Project: URBAN FOREST EDUCATION LESSONS Public Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$35,000

**IMPACT**  
Creation and integration of cross-curricular urban forest education lessons to engage students and teachers in learning about trees.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Partners for Education,  
Agriculture & Sustainability





## Informing Project:

### TREE CAMP – CUNNINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Public Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$2,860

**IMPACT**  
Afterschool tree camp at  
Cunningham Elementary  
engaging students in learning  
to recognize and care for the  
trees in their lives.

<http://www.peascommunity.org/>

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Partners for Education,  
Agriculture & Sustainability





## Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPERATION Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$14,400.00

**IMPACT**  
Course providing fundamental knowledge in arboriculture for individuals preparing to become a certified arborist.

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.  
<http://www.arborholic.com/cap>



## Informing Project: TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$14,400

**IMPACT**  
Course providing knowledge on tree maintenance practices to City of Austin employees.

<https://arborholic.com.tmt>

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

**CONTRACT RECIPIENT**  
Arborholic, Inc.



## Informing Project: URBAN FOREST STEWARDS Education

### **2018 AWARD**

\$43,954

### **IMPACT**

Annual educational series teaching residents how to care for Austin's urban forest.

<http://www.treefolks.org/ufs/>

### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

### **LEAD APPLICANT**

Contracted by Development Services Community Tree Preservation Division with TreeFolks.



## Informing Project: AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES Public Education

**2018 AWARD**  
\$50,000

**IMPACT**  
Austin Environmental Heros is a summer jobs program for Austin high school students ages 14 to 18. Participating teens gain experience in urban tree care and water quality testing.

<https://treefolks.org/aeh/>

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
TreeFolks

**Partners**  
Austin Youth River Water





## Informing Project:

### PROJECT LEARNING TREE WORKSHOP Education

**2017 AWARD**  
\$4,368

#### **IMPACT**

The Project Learning Tree Workshop (PLT) provided formal and informal educators with professional development centered on thinking about complex environmental issues. Educators who completed this training are now eligible to apply for funding opportunities on behalf of their schools.

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### **LEAD APPLICANT**

April Rose





## Informing Project:

### WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION STUDY Education

#### **2017 AWARD**

\$20,110

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### **IMPACT**

This project is focused on the creation of a unified message related to wildfire risk for those living in the Wildland Urban Interface. This project is currently in progress.

#### **LEAD APPLICANT**

Dr. Rebekah Fox,  
Texas State University



## Informing Project:

### FOREST TRAIL Education

#### 2017 AWARD

\$42,500

#### IMPACT

The Austin Nature & Science Center's tree trail features 45 native species with educational interpretive signage. Trail support items available onsite include posters, trifold maps for a walking tour and activity booklets. Additionally 2 tree trail and PLT trainings are to be offered annually for up to 50 teachers.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

Austin Nature & Science Center,  
Parks and Recreation  
Department, City of Austin



## Informing Project:

### URBAN FOREST STEWARDS Education

#### **2017 AWARD**

\$43,954

#### **IMPACT**

This annual educational series teaches residents how to care and advocate for Austin's urban forest. Urban Forest Stewards lead educational walks and workshops, lead plantings, and find ways to bring stewardship to meet the needs of their communities.

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### **LEAD APPLICANT**

Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

#### **CONTRACT RECIPIENT**

Contracted by City of Austin, Community Tree Preservation Division with Arborholic, Inc.





## Informing Project:

### CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPARATION Education

#### 2017 AWARD

\$13,977

#### IMPACT

The Certified Arborist Preparation course provides fundamental knowledge to those who are interested in taking the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist exam. To increase access to professional arboricultural education, this program is available at reduced cost to those who live or work in Austin.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

Community Tree Preservation  
Division, Development Services,  
City of Austin

#### CONTRACT RECIPIENT

Arborholic, Inc.

<http://www.arborholic.com/cap>



## Informing Project:

### TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

#### 2017 AWARD

\$13,977

#### IMPACT

This workshop gives City of Austin frontline staff training to improve the quality and care of work performed around trees, increase awareness of potential issues regarding trees in public spaces, and champions best safety practices during routine tree care operations.

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### LEAD APPLICANT

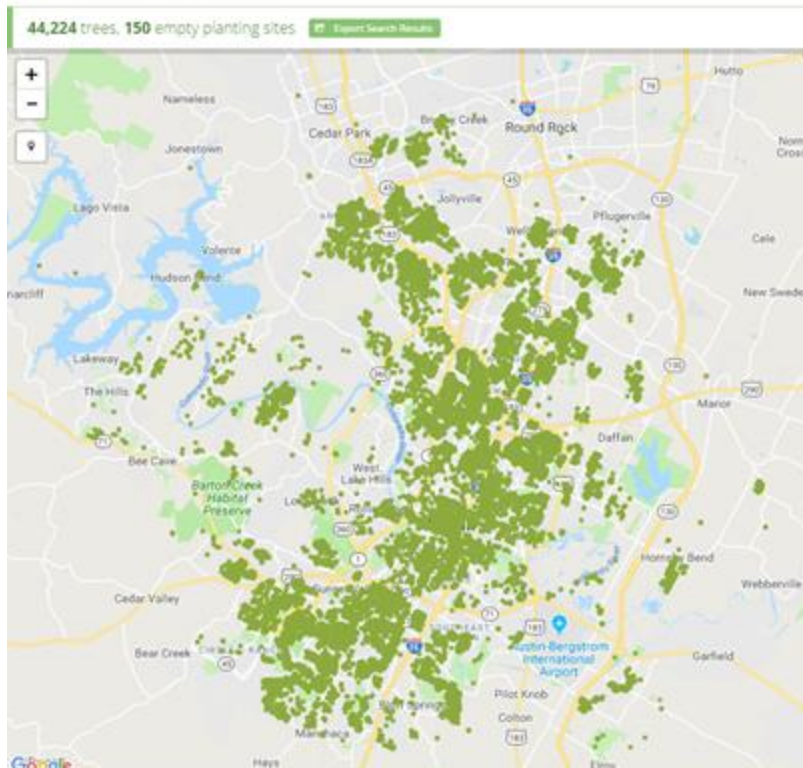
Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin

#### CONTRACT RECIPIENT

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## Informing Project:

### OPEN TREE MAP

### Engagement + Education

#### 2016 AWARD

\$10,000

#### FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

#### IMPACT

The Open Tree Map represents a collaborative effort in forestry education, volunteer stewardship, and open data. As trained volunteers add to the catalogue of trees, the benefit of Austin's forest is calculated in terms of air and water quality as well as energy conserved. Visit the map:

<https://www.opentree.org/treefolksaustin/map/>

#### LEAD APPLICANT

TreeFolks



## Informing Project:

### TREE EDUCATION PROGRAMS Education

**2016 AWARD**  
\$50,000

**FUNDING SOURCE**  
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

**IMPACT**  
This program included support for Urban Forest Stewards, Certified Arborist Preparation, OpenTree Map, and Sapling Days. Over 350 people participated in the education programs, almost 300 were active OpenTree mappers, and 367 saplings were distributed.

**LEAD APPLICANT**  
TreeFolks



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