Informing Projects

Urban Forest Grant
Stewardship in Austin Texas
2015-2017
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.opentreemap.org/treefolksaustin/map/
Informing Project:

TREE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Education

2016 AWARD
$50,000

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.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
TreeFolks
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. In addition to the nature education content gained during training, 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

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.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Dr. Rebekah Fox,
Texas State University
Informing Project:

URBAN FOREST SPECIALIST
Education

2017 AWARD
$26,200

IMPACT
A part-time Urban Forest Specialist was hired to assist AISD with the creation of an inventory of trees on AISD properties as well as assess tree health and risk mitigation. The Forest Specialist also coordinates with school communities to plant new trees for long-term health of the tree canopy on AISD campuses.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Darien Clary, Austin Independent School System