

Informing Projects

\$835,748

Urban Forest Stewardship in Austin Texas
2015-2020



Development CITY OF AUSTIN
SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Informing Project:

BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE GRANTS Education

2020 AWARD

11,455.00

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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 related education to 3,400 students.

LEAD APPLICANT

Office of Sustainability



Informing Project: Replacement 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

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

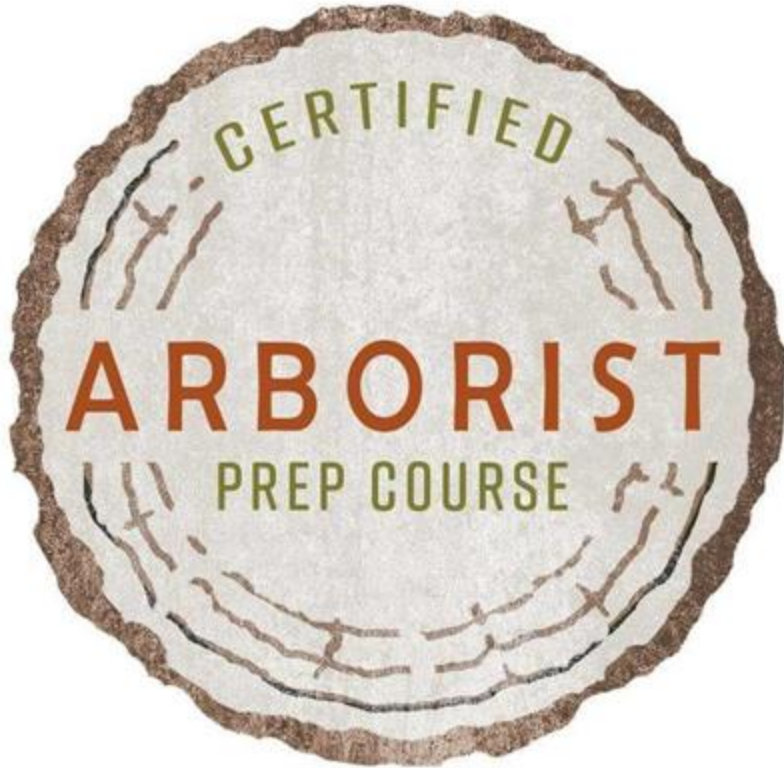
IMPACT

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

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin, Development Services

<https://arborholic.com.tmt>



Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPERATION Education

2020 AWARD
\$17,998.00

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

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

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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

Informing Project:

City of Austin Education

2020 AWARD

\$244,962.00

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Permanent, temporary, and interns projects were funded in 2020 to support a healthy community of stewards and related tree stewardship activities.

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin Development Services





Informing Project:

BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE GRANTS Education

2019 AWARD

\$89,185

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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 related education to approximately 11,150 students.

LEAD APPLICANT

Office of Sustainability



Informing Project:

AUSTIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

Public Education

2019 AWARD
\$69,648

IMPACT
Austin Environmental Heroes 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

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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.

LEAD APPLICANT

Contracted by Development Services Community Tree Preservation Division with TreeFolks.

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



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.

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

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD PARTNERS

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



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.

<https://arborholic.com.tmt>

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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



Informing Project: URBAN FOREST ENGAGEMENT Public Education

2018 AWARD
\$19,133

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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

LEAD APPLICANT
Austin Parks Foundation

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

<http://austinparks.org/>



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

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

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

LEAD APPLICANT

Partners for Education,
Agriculture & Sustainability

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



Informing Project: CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREPERATION Education

2018 AWARD
\$14,400.00

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development Services

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



Informing Project: TREE MAINTENANCE TRAINING Education

2018 AWARD
\$14,400

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development
Services

<https://arborholic.com.tmt>



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

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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.

LEAD APPLICANT
April Rose



Informing Project:

WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION STUDY Education

2017 AWARD

\$20,110

FUNDING SOURCE

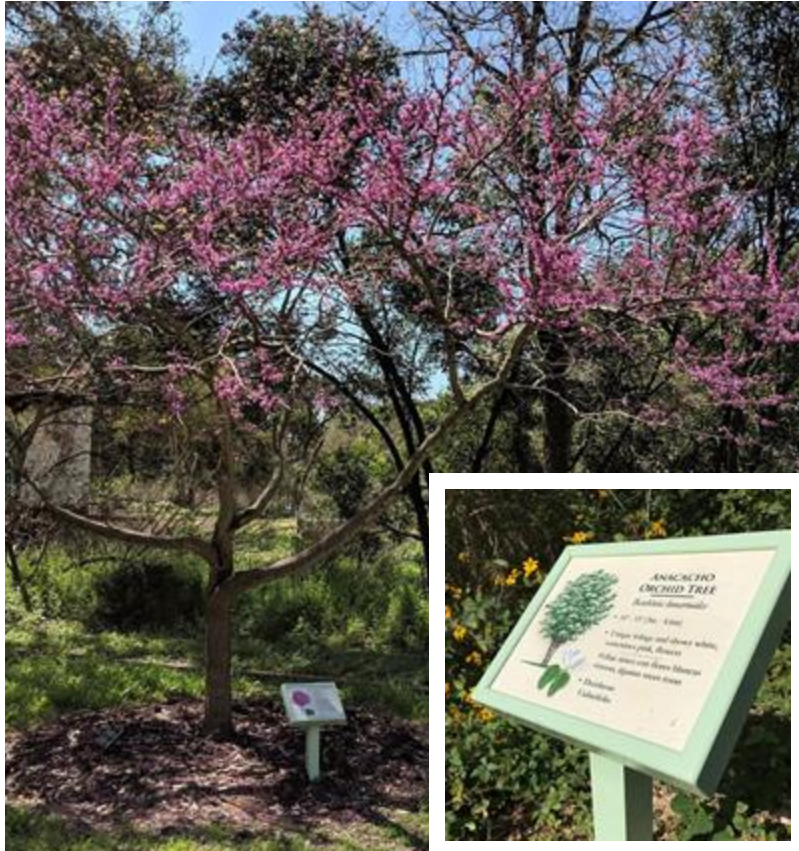
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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 SPECIALIST Education

2017 AWARD
\$26,200

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

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.

LEAD APPLICANT

Darien Clary, Austin Independent School System



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

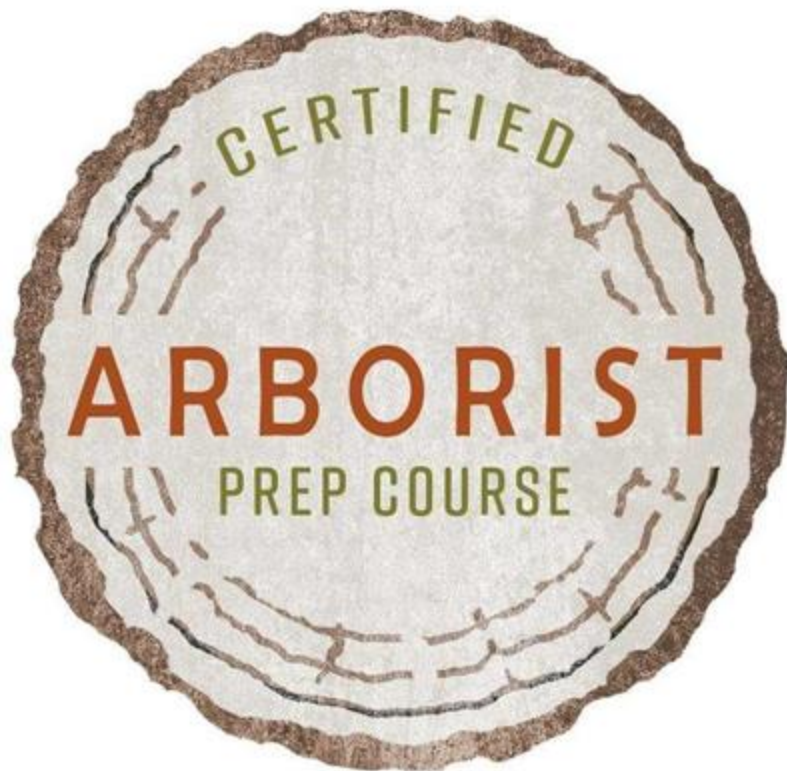
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Community Tree Preservation
Division, Development Services,
City of Austin

CONTRACT RECIPIENT

TreeFolks



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.



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

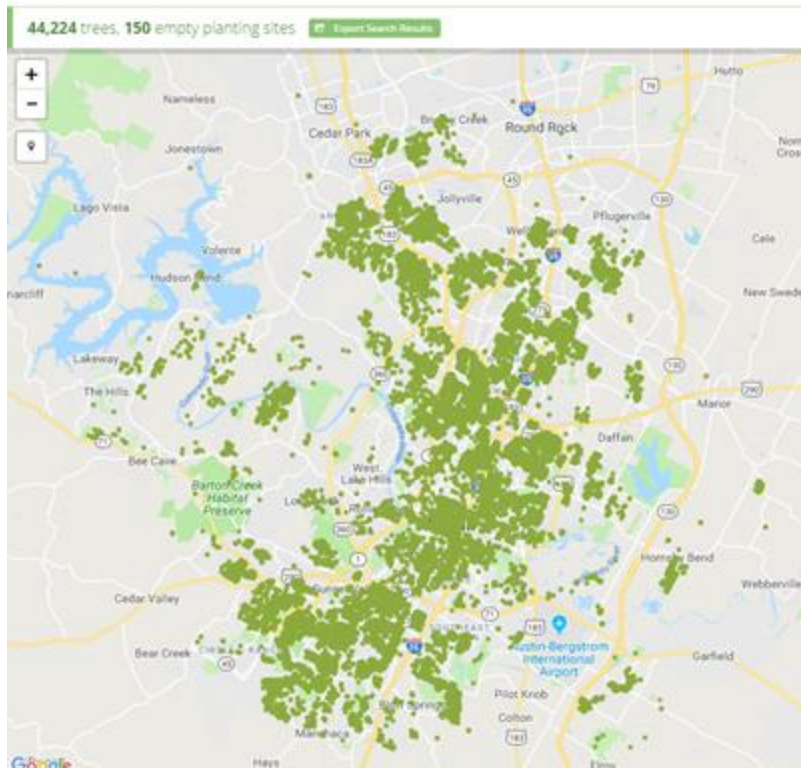
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

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Division, Development Services,
City of Austin

CONTRACT RECIPIENT

Arborholic, Inc.



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-map.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



Community Tree Preservation Division

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