

COLORADO TREE COALITION GRANT APPLICATION

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT: Anytown, CO

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECT: John Doe: Public Works/Parks Director/City Forester/Tree Board Chair

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Summary Information

A. Project Name: Anytown City Park Tree Planting Project

B. Project Tier: Tree Planting (Tree Planting, Management/Maintenance, Media, Wildland Fire, or Xcel Utility) *The Review Team has the option to change the selected project tier.*

C. Project Location: Anytown City Park, 555 Main St.

D. Number of volunteers and citizens expected to be involved: 30+ and Anytown Elementary School children

E. Total Project Cash Cost: \$6506

Grant Request: \$3000

(does not include in-kind services)

F. Percent Applicant Contribution 54% (% = Total Project Cost - Grant Request/Total Project Cost)

Applicant must match at least the grant request amount with non-federal CASH. Maximum grant is \$3,000. Minimum is \$500.

G. Estimated Completion Date of Project: May 2004

H. Are you or your organization a CTC Member? Yes

John Doe

Tree Board Chair

November 18

Applicant Signature

Position

Date

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines of this application and that I am an authorized representative of the applying organization.

POSTMARK APPLICATIONS BY THE FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER AND RETURN TO:

**Colorado Tree Coalition
P.O. Box 270968
Fort Collins, CO 80527**

Project Costs

Please itemize cash only expenses. Do not include in-kind costs or costs for existing (*not hired for this project*) personnel in the first section. Be as detailed as possible.

I. Item

6, 2" caliper 'Skyline' honeylocust trees	\$1,010
4, 2.5" American linden trees	\$780
4, 2.25" 'Greenspire' linden trees	\$720
9, 8' Austrian pine trees	\$1,905
5, 2" Amur maple trees	\$936
4, 2.5" 'Spring Snow' crabapple trees	\$765
Tree Delivery Charges	\$110
Mulch	\$280

Total Project Cash Cost (should be the same as page 1) \$6,506

II.

A. Your non-federal cash match*: \$3,506

B. Your grant request: (should be the same as page I) \$3,000

C. Total project cash cost: (Lines A + B = C) \$6,506
(this should be the same as Total Project Cash Cost above)

III.

D. In-kind labor (includes volunteer and personnel time; \$Volunteer (\$1401.60)+ Personnel (\$1920) = \$3321.60
estimated volunteer hours at \$11.68/hour)

E. Other in-kind services (donated equipment, supplies) \$Town Equipment used

F. Total Project Value (Lines C + D + E) (this is different \$9,827.60
than Total Project Cash Cost)

IV.

*Source of Funds: Please list the source and amount of non-federal cash.

Anytown Parks/Forestry Budget

Tree Information (if applicable):

planted 32 # removed # pruned # other
(describe - i.e. inventory)

Anytown – City Park Tree Planting Project CTC Grant Application

1. Organization Description

Anytown is a small farming community that is beginning to suburbanize, located at Exit 555 off of I-55. Presently the town is primarily a bedroom community, with many residents commuting to their places of employment. The population of Anytown is approaching 2500 people. The town currently employs 7 full-time employees in the Administration and Public Works/Parks Departments. Other services such as park planning are contracted out to part-time consultants. Due to the small population and budget of Anytown, the town relies heavily on volunteers to help in the community. The town currently has two parks that have been planned by a park planner and are basically undeveloped, due to budget restraints in the town.

2. Characteristics and Need for the Project

City Park, a 15 acre park, is located at the entrance into the town, approximately 1 mile west off of I-55 at Exit 555. It was donated by a developer. The town contracted a park planner, a registered landscape architect, to draw up plans for this park. The park has a natural drainage area with a small creek running through it. The purpose of the City Park Tree Planting project is to plant numerous and varied trees along the creek and trail way, according to the park plans. The outcome of the project will help continue the process of completing the full park design features.

3. Educational Opportunities of the Project

The town has contacted the principal of Anytown Elementary School, to ask for her help in educating the children in Anytown on the importance of trees and their value to Anytown. Since Arbor Day is the third Friday in April, the town plans to have an Arbor Day Celebration on this day, at City Park, to include the elementary school children. At this time, the town would plant the trees in City Park, while educating the children on the types of Colorado Tree Coalition approved trees and the importance of trees to our town and the environment. The children will also be educated on what is done to take care of these trees, such as proper watering, staking, and fertilizing techniques. Through their help, it is envisioned that these children will take a vested interest in watching these trees grow and beautify this new park in their town. Making Arbor Day a yearly event and becoming a Tree City USA would add to the educational benefits to the children also.

4. Volunteer and Community Involvement in the Project

The town currently has a volunteer park/recreation committee and Tree Board that meets monthly to discuss, plan, and implement park, recreation and tree issues. City Park has been a top priority of this committee for three years. Their input into developing this park has been a complete donation of their time. In addition, the children at Anytown Elementary School and their parents will help in planting these trees during the Arbor Day Celebration in April.

5. Publicity and Public Relations for the Project

Anytown currently distributes a bi-monthly informational newsletter, to our residents. It includes events and information on what is happening in the town. The Town Administrator will be responsible for updating the town on the status of the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) grant and the

time and day the trees will be planted. The Daily Times, a local newspaper, will also be informed of the CTC grant and will be asked to publicize the Arbor Day Celebration, as well as acknowledge the CTC for their grant contributions. Pictures of the celebration and tree planting will be taken and placed in the Town Hall, as well as for the final documentation to submit to the CTC. In addition, the CTC will be acknowledged by a special plaque that will be placed at City Park, describing their donation of trees to the project.

6. Colorado Tree Coalition Involvement

Anytown was recently made aware of the Colorado Tree Coalition. The Town Board unanimously approved becoming a community member of the CTC at the most recent Town Board Meeting. It is the intention of the town to support the CTC and their purpose and goals in the state of Colorado.

7. Design and Plan of the Project.

Appendix A is a copy of the City Park Landscape Plan. Pictures of the current tree-less City Park can be found in Appendix B. The watering and maintenance follow-up tree care plan, as designed by Anytown's Tree Board and tree maintenance parksworkeer, can be found in Appendix C.

8. Community Commitment for the Project

City Park is located at the entrance to Anytown off of I-55. Eventually the park will be a focal point to the town. Park maintenance, to include the care of trees, has been established in the yearly Anytown budget. It is a separate line item in the budget and will continue to grow in cost as additional trees are planted. Long-term commitment to trees in our community is evident, as a special water tap was purchased and installed for City Park, before the park was even started. The park plans include that a complete watering drip system will be installed for tree watering as well.

Appendix C: Anytown Tree Maintenance Plan

Anytown Public Works/Park Department currently owns and operates a portable 100 gallon water tank, which will be used to water the trees through dry periods, once a month in winter and during any significant watering restrictions. Otherwise a drip system/sprinkler system will soon be installed at the park.

Trees will be planted with current specifications provided by the Colorado Tree Coalition. They will be backfilled with the excavated soil. The trees will be immediately watered after they are planted to settle the soil. Mulch will be placed around the circumference of the trees to help retain the water.

The trees will not be fertilized during the first year. Fertilizer will be applied as necessary thereafter to solve any nutrient deficiency problems with the trees.

For the first three years, newly planted trees will be watered based on guidelines for tree watering at www.watersaver.org.

Trees will not be structurally pruned until establishment, most likely during Year 3 after planting. Pruning guidelines as established by the International Society of Arboriculture (www.treesaregood.com) will be followed.