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Grants to “tree-vitalize” Alaska schools offered by state forestry

(Anchorage, AK) – “Tree-vitalize” your school with a grant from the Alaska Division of Forestry.

The Division’s Community Forestry Program has grants for up to \$10,000 for qualifying organizations to purchase trees, supplies, and materials for tree planting as schoolwide or classroom projects. The funding for the grants comes from the U.S. Forest Service.

“This is a great way for schools and other organizations to help beautify school campuses around the state,” said Jim Renkert, Community Forestry Program Manager for the Division of Forestry. “It also provides a chance to teach students the importance of trees.”

School, soil and water conservation districts, park foundations or other local non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply and sponsor fall, spring or summer tree planting events on school grounds or on nearby non-federal public lands.

Projects should raise awareness about the benefits of trees and the many ecosystem services that they provide. Proposals should demonstrate proper tree planting and care techniques.

The deadline to apply is March 4, 2022. For applications and instructions on how to apply, go to the Division of Forestry’s Community Forestry Program website at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants>. Schools are encouraged to involve students in the grant application and planning process.

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