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Deadline to apply for Arbor Day grants extended to April 18

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forest Council (ACFC) has extended the deadline to apply for grants to celebrate Arbor Day in Alaska until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

The ACFC is offering the grants to organizations to help celebrate Arbor Day in Alaska on May 20. Grants will be in the \$200-\$500 range and can be used to plant trees or shrubs, or to support other activities that promote Arbor Day.

The 15-member Council advises the Alaska Division of Forestry on how to develop and deliver community forestry programs to Alaskans, support education and encourage public involvement.

The grants were made possible by funding from Chugach Electric Association, Paul's Tree Service, and the Yukon and Cook Inlet Chapters of the Society of American Foresters (SAF).

The available grants are intended to fund projects that:

- Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day in Alaska
- Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees
- Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting and care
- Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include projects that reduce or treat storm water, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams and rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic, or beautify school yards

Go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/arbor-day-grants> for grant forms and applications.

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