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State Forestry extends grant deadline for creative tree growing

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Division of Forestry’s Community Forestry Program has extended the deadline for non-profit organizations and government entities to apply for grants to fund demonstration projects for tree plantings or orchards.

The grants, of up to \$15,000, are intended to fund projects identifying different types of tree species, varieties or cultivars that can thrive in Alaska’s unique climates, and to demonstrate new or innovative ways to help them do so. The new application deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, June 1.

Project applications could include, but are not limited to, new technology, techniques, or approaches for street tree plantings, containerized orchards, seedling cultivation, biochar use or other pioneering ideas. Applicants are encouraged to be creative.

With funding assistance from the USDA Forest Service, the Division of Forestry has approximately \$25,000 in total grant funds available. Applicants must be non-profit organizations or government entities.

Grants can be used for the purchase of A) trees, saplings, seedlings, or orchard trees; B) mulch, stakes, hoses, gloves, or other planting items and materials; C) educational materials; D) other required material and equipment; and E) limited shipping services.

Trees must be planted on public land within a community, and grant applications must include a three-year maintenance plan. Applicants working with schools are encouraged to consider involving students in the research and design, and to be creative and thoughtful in their plan design.

These projects will help the Division of Forestry evaluate the success of different demonstration and test projects, share results, and make recommendations.

For more information and application instructions, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants>

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