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Community Forestry Grants Available Statewide

(Anchorage, AK) – A second round of grant funding is available to local governments, state agencies, Tribal organizations, non-profits, public universities and other entities for projects in disadvantaged or distressed Alaska communities. DNR's Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Community Forestry Program will administer the grants on behalf of the USDA Forest Service.

Approximately **\$445,000** is available in the following categories:

- A. Green Infrastructure Projects
- B. Streambank Stability/Restoration Projects
- C. Invasive Tree Control Projects
- D. Phytoremediation Projects
- E. Community Forestry Management Plans, Tree Inventories, Tree Canopy Assessments

"The additional community forestry grant funding provides an important opportunity to help Alaskan communities with green infrastructure, streambank restoration, community forestry planning, invasive tree projects and phytoremediation projects," **said Community Forestry Program Coordinator Jim Renkert**. "This bonus funding builds on the three grants awarded in the first round for invasive tree control projects and streambank restoration work."

Grants up to \$100,000 are available through the Inflation Reduction Act and a funding match is not required.

For more information about the Alaska Community Forestry Program grants, visit http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants, call 907-269-1005 or email communityforestry@alaska.gov.

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