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Alaska Community Forest Council offers Arbor Day grants

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forest Council is offering grants to help celebrate Arbor Day in Alaska on May 21. Grants will be in the \$200-\$500 range, and can be used to plant trees, shrubs or support other activities that promote Arbor Day in Alaska.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23. Go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council> for more information and application forms. Grants are available for projects that:

- Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day in Alaska;
- Increase 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: 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, and beautify school yards.

The grants were made possible by funding from the U.S. Forest Service, Society of American Foresters (Cook Inlet and Yukon River chapters), the Alaska Society of Landscape Architects and Paul's Tree Service of Anchorage.

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

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