



# Opportunities for Local Governments to Plant Trees and Enhance Green Spaces

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provide unprecedented support for tree planting, reforestation and green space enhancement, with a focus on promoting equity among communities disproportionately impacted by climate change through the Administration’s Justice40 initiative. Listed below are several of the key funding opportunities. See the Local Infrastructure Hub’s [grant database](#) and the National League of Cities’ climate action funding tracker for more resources.

Name	U.S. Agency	Description	Type of Grant	Funding	Example Project	Deadlines
<a href="#">Urban and Community Forestry Program</a>	Forest Service / USDA	Funding to support urban tree canopies and increase community engagement in tree planting.	Competitive or Cooperative Agreement	\$100,000 to \$50 million <i>(for individual projects, 2023)</i>	Developing training opportunities that expand forestry career pathways <i>(page 5 of the <a href="#">NOFO</a>)</i>	6/1/2023
<a href="#">National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements</a>	Fish and Wildlife Service	Support for local communities to promote habitat maintenance and restoration in wildlife refuges.	Cooperative Agreement	\$5,000 to \$5 million <i>(for individual projects, 2023)</i>	Improving trail infrastructure in the National Wildlife Refuge System	9/10/2023
<a href="#">Climate and Environmental Justice Block Grant</a>	Environ. Protection Agency	Grants for interventions that improve air pollution, promote climate resiliency, mitigate heat impacts, and support communities that have been disproportionately impacted by climate change.	Competitive	\$3 billion in total program funding <i>(individual project funding TBD)</i>	<a href="#">Addressing</a> urban heat islands by improving the tree canopy and upgrading public green spaces.	2024 deadline is TBD
<a href="#">Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program</a>	Forest Service / USDA	Funding for communities to acquire and actively manage community forests that provide recreation and public access.	Competitive	\$5,500,000 in 2022 <i>(individual project funding TBD)</i>	Purchasing private land and <a href="#">transforming</a> it into a public forest with outdoor recreational opportunities.	2024 deadline is TBD