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Funds are available for the Urban and Community Forestry Community Challenge Grant Program for the grant year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. If your community or organization is interested in applying for a grant, please go to: www.aztrees.org or www.azsf.az.gov/ for the application. If you do not have internet capacity or can not download from the sites, contact me and I will e-mail or mail you an application packet.

The grant requests can be made in the amount of \$1,000 to \$15,000 per grant. The approximate total amount to be awarded will be \$125,000. The grants are 50/50 matches and can not be matched with federal funds. The application has details about the grant program, how to apply, who is eligible to receive grants, and examples of the types of projects that are typically funded.

This year, we are seeking applications that involve the Arizona Centennial Tree Projects. We want to encourage cities, communities, organizations to plant and maintain trees that will thrive and provide benefits into the next century. A Centennial Tree Project provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to participate in Arizona's 100th birthday celebration and recognize the vital role trees play in the history and the future of Arizona. For more information about Arizona Centennial Projects, go to www.arizona100.org.

All accepted centennial tree related applicants will be given the opportunity to submit their project to the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission for their review and potential designation as a Centennial Legacy Project. Information and applications are available at www.azcentennial.gov/.

We strongly encourage projects that will build community capacity for urban forestry such as tree canopy inventories (www.americanforests.org), Tree City USA designation (www.arborday.org), tree canopy inventories (www.americanforests.org), partnerships with other communities and/or non-profit organizations.

Please read the application carefully and submit one (1) original and four (4) copies. Do not include a cover letter. Other instructions are in the application. Applications are to be submitted via mail or in person and can not be transmitted via e-mail or fax. Deadline for submissions into this office, is 4:30 P.M. on Friday, August 6, 2010.

Community Challenge Grants are awarded through the Arizona State Forestry Division – Urban & Community Forestry in cooperation with the USDA ForestService. This program is to encourage citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustainable urban and community forestry programs at the local level.

Submit your application to: Community Challenge Grant Program
Arizona State Forestry Division
Urban and Community Forestry
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Questions may be directed to me at 602/542-6191. If you wish to be removed from this notification list, please call or email me. louisewakem@azstatefire.org

Sincerely,

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