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Plant Community with New Mexico Centennial Forest Re-Leaf Grant Funding
Annual program to provide up to \$6,000 for tree planting projects

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico schools, universities, local, state, federal and tribal entities are encouraged to submit proposals for grant funding to plant trees through the New Mexico State Forestry Division’s Centennial Forest Re-Leaf Program, according to New Mexico Urban Forestry Program Manager Kelly Washburn.

“Trees are an important part of New Mexico’s history and heritage,” said Washburn. “The trees we enjoy now were part of New Mexico’s first century of statehood and we’re encouraging public entities and communities to use our Centennial Forest Re-Leaf program to plant trees that will teach New Mexicans for the next 100 years.”

The New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf program is an environmental education tree planting grant program that can provide up to \$6,000 for tree planting projects on public lands. Funded solely by private donations, the grants require a 20-percent in-kind match. Entities wishing to compete for grant funding must turn in completed application forms by 3 pm on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Since created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1990, more than \$520,000 has been granted to plant over 18,000 trees throughout the state.

Grant emphasis will be on community tree planting projects including street plantings, windbreaks, park plantings, living snow fences, riparian rehabilitation, energy conservation, and community green belts.

Centennial Forest Re-Leaf grants may be used for partial funding of larger projects, but cannot be used to maintain existing projects. Projects must be located on public land and show a substantial public benefit.

Grant guidelines are available at www.nmforestry.com, with a link to the Centennial Forest Re-Leaf Program.

For more information on the Centennial Re-Leaf Program, or to make a donation to support future projects, contact Kelly Washburn, Centennial Forest Re-Leaf Program Manager, State Forestry Division, PO Box 1948, Santa Fe, NM, 87505, telephone: (505) 476-3332; or via e-mail at kelly.washburn@state.nm.us.

Every dollar donated goes directly to the public to plant trees. **Donations can also be made on your New Mexico State Tax Return form.**

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