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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **New Mexico State Forestry Accepting Community Tree Planting Grant Applications**

*Annual Re-Leaf program to provide up to \$6,000 for tree planting projects*

**Santa Fe, NM** – New Mexico communities, schools, civic organizations and non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit applications for grants to plant trees. “Community tree planting projects can improve energy conservation, air and water quality, and community social space,” said New Mexico Urban Forestry Program Manager Jennifer Dann.

The New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program is an environmental education and tree planting grant program that provides up to \$6,000 for tree planting projects on public lands. Funded solely through donations, the grants require a 20-percent in-kind match. Since the program was created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1990, more than 19,000 trees have been planted throughout the State.

“This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Re-Leaf Program and the national Urban and Community Forestry Program. We’ll be investing in Re-Leaf projects exemplifying great community forestry that can be celebrated years from now at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” said Dann.

Grant applications must be mailed and received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Grant guidelines are available at [www.nmforestry.com](http://www.nmforestry.com), with a link to the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program.

For more information about the Re-Leaf Program, or to make a donation to support future projects, contact Jennifer Dann, New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program Manager, State Forestry Division, at (505) 476-3332 or by e-mail at [jenniferl.dann@state.nm.us](mailto:jenniferl.dann@state.nm.us).

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