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## State Forestry Grants \$25,925 in Funding for Tree Planting

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico State Forestry Division has awarded \$25,925 in grant funding to plant trees across the state, according to State Urban and Community Forester, Kelly Washburn.

“New Mexico’s Forest Re-Leaf program is a great way for the state’s communities to create and enhance their urban forest areas such as parks, school grounds and other public lands,” said Washburn. “We’re really pleased with the variety and types of projects selected for funding this year, and encourage other communities and public entities to apply for funding for next year.”

Awards for up to \$6,000 per community were made to projects in five communities across New Mexico. These funds, administered by New Mexico State Forestry Division, support valuable community tree planting efforts aimed at improving the environment, educating citizens, and beautifying public places. This year’s grant recipients include the communities of Carrizozo, Raton, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe and Taos.

New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf was established in 1990 to provide a tree-planting grant program for public entities such as public schools, cities, towns, counties, soil and water conservation districts, rural fire districts and others. New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf fills a budgetary void for these entities that lack tree-planting funds. Since its inception, New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf has awarded more than \$575,000 for tree-planting and education efforts.

New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf is solely funded through private donations from individuals, businesses and corporations. Donations can be made through a “New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf” check-off box on the New Mexico Individual Income Tax Form, Schedule D. There is also a donation check-off box on the Forestry Division’s Seedling sales order form. Donations can also be made by contacting the New Mexico State Forestry Division at (505) 476-3332 or at 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87504.

### 2012/2013 Grant Cycle Project Awards

**Town of Carrizozo** – Spencer Park Tree Planting - \$6,000  
**Grow Raton** – Raton Urban Forestry Project - \$5,835  
**City of Rio Rancho** – Cielo Grande Community-Built Park - \$2,090  
**City of Santa Fe** – Parque del Rio (phase II) - \$6,000  
**City of Taos** – Kit Carson Park East - \$6,000

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