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## **New Mexico State Forestry Awards \$137,300 in Funding for Urban and Community Forestry Projects**

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico State Forestry Division's Urban and Community Forestry Program has awarded \$137,300 in grant funding for urban and community forestry projects across the state, according to the Division's Urban and Community Forester Jennifer Dann.

"Communities in New Mexico are realizing what their urban forests can contribute to the health of their citizens, community, and environment" said Dann. "One large urban tree in New Mexico can provide more than \$3,100 of value in environmental and other benefits over its lifetime, including energy savings, air and water quality improvement, property value increase and economic stimulus. The maintenance, management, and strategic expansion of our New Mexico community and urban forests is a good investment in our future."

Awards for up to \$25,000 per community were made to projects in eight communities across New Mexico. These funds, made possible by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by the New Mexico State Forestry Division, support program development, tree inventories and assessments, professional development, community forest training and demonstration urban forest projects. This year's grant recipients include the communities of Albuquerque, Clovis, Gila Valley, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Silver City, Socorro and Taos.

For more information contact the New Mexico State Forestry Division Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, Jennifer Dann, at 505-476-3332 or by email at [JenniferL.Dann@state.nm.us](mailto:JenniferL.Dann@state.nm.us).

The mission of the New Mexico State Forestry Division's Urban and Community Forestry Program is to empower communities to develop and sustain healthy urban forests for the benefit of current and future citizens of the state and the environment.

### **2014/2015 Grant Cycle Project Awards**

City of Albuquerque Urban Forest Program Development - \$20,100  
City of Clovis Urban and Community Forest Program Development and Training - \$18,000  
Gila Valley – Gila/Cliff Community Forestry Demonstration Program - \$20,000  
City of Las Cruces Inventory of Public Trees - \$11,200  
City of Las Vegas – Park Tree Mitigation, Community Forestry Training, and Hannah Park Demonstration Forest - \$33,000  
Town of Silver City – Community Forestry Training and Public Outreach - \$5,000  
City of Socorro – Rodeo and Sports Complex Project - \$12,000  
Town of Taos – Tree Inventory and Assessment - \$18,000

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