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State Forestry Re-Leaf Grant to Plant Trees in Ft. Sumner

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico State Forestry Division has awarded \$5,866 in grant funding to plant 100 trees as a windbreak at the Valley Fire Department, according to State Timber Management Officer, Andrew Frederick.

“Planting trees as a windbreak is an effective way to not only protect structures and property, but also to provide beautification in a community forest setting,” said Frederick. “Trees serve to protect and improve quality of life as well as prevent erosion in communities that have to deal with a lot of wind.”

In addition to providing protection and shade at the facility, the project serves as an example to the community, regarding the role trees play in an urban setting. Trees beautify, educate and improve quality of life – all things that will serve the Ft. Sumner community well.

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 Las Vegas, Raton, Rio Rancho, Fort Sumner and Lordsburg.

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 \$600,000 for tree-planting and education efforts.

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