



2009 ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Million Trees Los Angeles (MTLA) is pleased to announce a grant competition for schools and their related programs in the City of Los Angeles. MTLA is soliciting grant proposals from schools that have successfully completed and implemented urban forestry projects in their schools, communities or neighborhoods. The purpose of the grant competition is to recognize successful youth-led urban forestry project **within the city of Los Angeles**. Each successful applicant may receive a **grant of up to \$1,000** to continue their urban forestry projects, and may be highlighted at the Environmental Youth Conference on November 4, 2009 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Eligibility

Private and public schools **within the City of Los Angeles** are eligible to apply including student clubs or organizations, specific classes, and academic or extracurricular programs in schools. Successful applicants will present or highlight their projects at the Environmental Youth Conference on November 4, 2009 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Other applicants may also be selected to have their projects recognized at the conference.

Criteria for Selection

The selection of successful applicants will be based on two criteria. First, the applicants must have successfully implemented and completed a tree planting project in their schools, community or neighborhood in Los Angeles within the past year. Second, successful applicants must use the entire grant award to complete and implement another tree planting project within 3 to 6 months after receiving the funds.

Proposal and Submission Application

Interested applicants should submit a 5-7 page typewritten proposal that addresses the following components:

- 1) **Cover letter** that includes the name of the organization including project leads (names of teachers, student leaders and contact information), and detailed description of its purpose/mission, membership (demographics) and affiliation (school name).
- 2) Description of completed **urban forestry project** including number of trees planted, location of project, partnerships with community groups, and impact of project for school, community or neighborhood
- 3) **Projected use of \$1,000 grant** including how the funds will be used to complete and implement another tree planting project, location of project, name(s) of and contact information for project lead(s), partnerships with community groups, and how the project will directly result in tree plantings.
- 4) **Photographs** that clearly identify the location of the completed project and participants.
- 5)

Completed applications are **due no later than 5pm on September 5th** and should be emailed to: **Lisa Sarno, Executive Director of Million Trees LA** at Lisa.Sarno@lacity.org. Successful applicants will be notified by September 30th, and must accept or decline by 5pm on October 7th.