

Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for EAB Grants

2021 Application



Please refer to the [Request for Applications](#) (RFA) when completing this application.

Submit this form, along with required attachments, to ucf.dnr@state.mn.us by January 24, 2022. Checklist:

- Application Form (filled out, guided by the RFA)
- Budget Form (Attachment A)
- 3-Year Tree Maintenance Plan, *if planting trees* (Attachment B)
- Species Selection and Stock List, *if planting trees* (follow guidelines in RFA)
- EAB Management Plan, *if already completed*
- Letter of Support, *if collaborating with an outside organization* (any format acceptable)

Local Unit of Government (LUG)	
Project Coordinator	
Coordinator Title	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
County	
Coordinator Email	
Coordinator Phone Number	
Grant Amount Requested	
Cash Match (refer to RFA for match guidance)	
In-Kind Match	

Proposed Project Components (checked items should be described in the narrative and budget):

- Public Tree Inventory
- Management Plan with an EAB Component
- Ash Tree and Stump Removal and Tree Replanting
- Tree Planting for Diversity
- Treatment with an injectable non-neonicotinoid insecticide (such as emamectin benzoate) if up to 10 miles outside of generally infested areas across Minnesota—see [online](#) for guidance

Additional Technical Assistance (please describe in the narrative; see RFA for more details)

- Operational Volunteer Planting Assistance Through Tree Trust
- Educational Assistance through the University of Minnesota’s Tree Steward program

Briefly explain how technical assistance, if selected, will be utilized within your community:

Project Overview and Need (25 points; 2,050 character maximum including spaces) *Provide a summary of the project, why this funding is needed, what project work will not happen without these grant funds, and expected outcomes. This should include a description of the project location (citywide project, specific parks, etc.). A successful application will demonstrate a readiness to take on a project of the proposed scope and size, and will focus on significant public safety concerns.*

Project Timeline (20 points; 2,600 character maximum including spaces) *Describe the approximate project schedule showing intermediate steps and milestones for activities described in this application or required by the RFA. A successful timeline will provide specific dates, is easy to comprehend, and will follow EAB best management practices.*

Project Budget Explanation (15 points; 2,200 character maximum including spaces)

Provide detailed remarks to clarify the budget request. Provide an explanation of how you are funding portions of your project that are not eligible with grant dollars. A successful budget will provide specific dollar amounts for anticipated use, will be financially realistic, and cost effective. Budget attachment will be correctly calculated. Projects that plant more trees than they remove will be provided additional points.

Project Impacts on Priority Populations (20 points; 2,200 character maximum including spaces)

This grant opportunity aligns with state initiatives to reduce disparities in health and environmental quality for diverse populations. A successful proposal will serve and include areas of concern for environmental justice (communities with higher populations of low-income residents and/or people of color, including tribal communities); the applicant will describe actionable items for those communities, and how those communities will be engaged through the project.

Communication (10 points; 2,200 character maximum including spaces) *Describe the methods you will use to conduct outreach to citizens about this grant project. A successful communication strategy will use multiple formats that have the potential to reach the public, and will incorporate EAB-related messaging.*

Key Personnel (10 points; 2,200 character maximum including spaces) *List all certifications and degrees for staff or contractors involved in the project. Describe the duties internal staff will conduct, and any work that will be contracted out, or the partnerships you will leverage to complete tasks. Include key personnel and their past experience with similar tasks. If you expect to contract work out, describe requirements you will have for contractors.*