

Tree Seedling Drought Relief Grants

2023 Application

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

Submit this form, along with required attachments, to reforestation.dnr@state.mn.us by February, 23 2023.

Checklist:

Application Form (filled out, guided by the RFA)

Project Work Plan, Budget Summary, and Key Personnel (Attachment A; Excel document, do not change format)

GIS Shapefile Package with Project Site Polygons (follow formatting in Appendix B)

County or Tribal Government Name

**Reforestation Project Coordinator Name
(Point-of-contact for Your Organization)**

Reforestation Project Coordinator Title

Address

City, State, Zip

Reforestation Project Coordinator Email

Reforestation Project Phone Number

Grant Amount Requested

Have you managed grant funds in the past? Yes No

Do you have reforestation sites 10 or less years old with seedlings damaged by the drought of 2021? Yes No

Does your organization have a plan that directs the management of your forest resource? Yes No

Does your organization have staff or resources to monitor and tend tree seedling plantings? Yes No

When does your board or council meet to approve agreements or contracts:

Provide the names, titles, and email addresses for people legally authorized to sign agreements for your organization:

Name	Title	Email address
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1. **Project Overview and Need** (40 points; 3,000 character maximum including spaces) *Provide a summary of the project, why the funding requested is needed, and expected outcomes. This should include a general description of the project location characteristics (e.g., geography, management units, cover-types, native plant communities, stand ages), level of drought damage observed, types of treatments needed, and plans for monitoring and tending plantings until they are free-to-grow. Ensure a GIS shapefile package is included with your submission and is properly formatted following guidance in Appendix B Shapefile Standards. A successful application will demonstrate both the need and readiness to take on a project of the proposed scope and size.*

2. **Project Treatment Timeline and Budget** (30 points; 2,000 character maximum including spaces) *Describe the approximate project schedule showing milestones for activities described in this application or required by the RFA. A successful timeline will provide overall project start and end date, dates for the implementation of planned activities (season and calendar year, ex: Spring 2024), estimated costs for proposed activities, is easy to comprehend, will identify an overall project start and end date, and will follow best management practices laid out in [MNDNR Regeneration and Monitoring Procedures and Standards](#) and Appendix A. MNDNR Statewide Planting Specifications.*

3. **Project Impacts on Priority Populations** (10 points; 1,000 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.*
4. **Key Personnel and Forest or Natural Resource Plan** (20 points; 1,500 maximum including spaces) *Describe the duties internal staff will conduct, and any work that will be contracted out. Include all key personnel outlined in Appendix A, Tab 3- Key Personnel and their past experience with similar tasks and similar projects. Describe staff experience and ability to contract reforestation services and requirements you will have for contractors. Please cite (author, title, date initiated) any forest resource or natural resource plan or organizational policy that will guide your treatment plans for drought damaged sites. Connect your chosen course of management actions to your organizational objectives.*