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Hello

The Local Authority Treescapes Fund (LAFT) and the Urban Tree Challenge (UTCF) are now open for applications.

The LATAF is a grant scheme for local authorities (LAs), to drive an increase in non-woodland tree planting across our landscapes. The fund is focused on replanting trees outside of woodlands including trees in hedgerows, parklands, riparian zones, urban areas, beside roads and footpaths as well as small linear woodlands, copses, and shelterbelts. The fund will also contribute greatly to landscape recovery from tree diseases such as ash dieback.

The UTCF supports planting of large 'standard' trees and street trees - making an immediate impact to communities. By requiring match funding from communities and local authorities, the UTCF drives value for money while also engaging local communities in efforts to fund-raise for, plant and maintain trees.

You can apply for both schemes. Apply to UTCF if you wish to plant new large trees (standards) in urban areas and/or LATAF if you wish to plant other non-woodland trees (including replacement urban standards that have been recently lost).

These are two great funds to help provide a real boost in cash to internal budgets for the restoration, creation and improvement of treescapes across the borough or district.

The closing date is 31st May 2022. Links to the press release and individual funds where application forms can be found are shown below.

Please share this news as you see relevant with colleagues, community groups etc. For scheme specific questions, please direct these to the following addresses and try me should you not get a response.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-half-a-million-trees-set-to-be-planted-in-our-towns-cities-and-countryside>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescapes-fund>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/urban-tree-challenge-fund-application-form-round-4>

LAFT

With regards the LAFT grant scheme, any bids need to be made via Derbyshire County Council. We spoke with DCC at the end of last week, and given the level of interest last year and value limit on the bids (Derbyshire were oversubscribed last year), DCC suggest going for whips to increase the tree numbers and may have to limit the number of standards available to each council. Feathers possibly offer the best value for money and logistically so much easier to deal with. DCC have suggested consideration be given to Ash tree planting in areas of ash die back, hedgerow planting, parkland and copses, and I understand the maximum area for planting is ½ hectare (i.e. not woodlands).

Because the LAFT grant scheme submission is via DCC, who need sufficient time to put the bid together, DCC require the information for the first week in May, so we would ask that expressions of interest including numbers and size of trees (i.e. standard, feathers, whip) be provided by 30th April 2022 at the latest.

I appreciate this is a short time frame, this is unavoidable given when the details for the bid is required.

If you are making a bid for these funds, please note you will need to ensure that you have the right to plant on the land in question. We would also suggest you consider any utilities/services and proximity to properties

when determining your planting locations. Please do not include in your proposal for trees any trees for planting on land owned & maintained by NEDDC, we are already considering planting for the District Council's own land.

If successful, we will be notified at the end of August 2022.

You may recall we emailed yourselves in 2021 about the available LATF grant scheme, further to that bid in 2021 via DCC was successful and Wingerworth Parish Council received 250 whips, Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council received 15 standard Wild Cherry trees, and the District Council received 57 standard trees.

UTCF

With regards the UTCF grant fund, this is open to everyone so you can submit your own application or block bid which might include other Parish Councils and/or other community grounds. You will need to register with the Rural Payments Agency though. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund>

Other Tree Funding

DCC have also informed us that they will be bring back the free tree scheme and also introducing a grant scheme for community groups for trees. With regards DCC's grant scheme for community groups, this will apparently be for grants up to £5,000 and is expected to be advertised around June/July.

Kind regards

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