The Missouri Department of Conservation offers several funding mechanisms to assist communities and schools in tree planting efforts. In addition to the following programs, the Department also provides technical assistance and planning services. For more information on these programs and other services offered by the Department, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180, (573) 751-4115, or visit the Missouri Department of Conservation on the web at: http://mdc.mo.gov/

Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (T.R.I.M.)

T.R.I.M. is a competitive, cost-sharing program administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation in cooperation with the Missouri Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council. The purpose of T.R.I.M. is to provide financial assistance to units of government and schools for the management, improvement or conservation of the urban and community forest. For more information, contact MDC your local MDC District Forester or the MDC Forestry Division Program Supervisor at (573) 751-4115.

Tree City USA

Preference is sometimes given to Tree City USA communities over other communities when allocations of grant money are made for trees or forestry programs. To receive information on how to become a Tree City USA designated community, contact Tree City USA at (888) 448-7337 or visit www.trees.org.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Forest ReLeaf is a not-for-profit initiative working with public forestry systems to reverse the decline of community forests. ReLeaf’s constituent groups are cities, schools, churches, neighborhood, community and civic organizations and individuals conducting public tree planting projects.

ReLeaf offers educational and funding programs for community tree planting projects and in conjunction with other state and federal agencies. For more information on the programs and outreach services of Forest ReLeaf, call (314) 533-LEAF or visit them on the web at:moreleaf.org.

National Arbor Day Foundation

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Safe Planting Tips

Be Safe, Look Up!

Contact your electric cooperative to best determine where to safely plant your trees. Be sure to have underground utilities located and marked before you dig by contacting the Missouri One Call System at 1(800) DIG-RITE or visit www.mo1call.com.

Tree Planting Diagram

Six things you should know when planting a tree.

1. Call Before You Dig - Seven days before planting, call the number 811 below to have underground utilities located.
2. Handle with Care - Always lift tree by the root ball or prune roots until planting.
3. Digging a Proper Hole - Dig 2 to 3 times wider than the circumference of the root ball with sloping sides to allow the proper root growth.
4. Planting Depth - The root flare should be slightly above ground level and the topmost roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.
5. Filling the Hole - Backfill with native soil against the root flare. Tamp soil gently to fill large air spaces.
6. Mulch - After 1 to 2 inch distance between the trunk and the mulch, which should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more tree planting tips and information, see arborday.org.

Source: Arbor Day Foundation
Guidelines:

Who can apply:
• Local units of government
• Community and economic development departments
• Park departments
• Public schools
• Not-for-profit organizations such as historic, downtown and neighborhood associations

Projects which show a significant impact on the community will be given a higher priority.

A tree planting plan must be submitted with your application. This plan can be the same one submitted to other tree planting programs. Be sure that planted trees are clear of utility lines. Include a map or drawing showing planting locations, what type of tree is to be planted and location of utility lines. Payment will be made upon approval of the planting project by an authorized person as designated by Central Electric.

Central Electric and our member cooperatives are proud to be partners in beautifying communities through the planting of trees. Fill out the application form and submit it along with your tree planting plan. Applications are received and qualifying projects are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funding is available. Approved projects must be completed by December 31 of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded.

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