



MSD REFORESTATION GRANT

For Streets & Neighborhoods

TreesLouisville will apply for the MSD reforestation grant on behalf of your street/neighborhood with the goal of planting a minimum of 15 trees.

NEIGHBOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Neighbors will help secure planting locations by canvassing residents, with at least 85% of selected trees larger than a 25ft tree at maturity (MSD Standard). Trees may be planted in yards or rights-of-way, though right-of-way plantings must follow Metro Urban Forestry Standards and may require additional support.

TreesLouisville will provide a list of available tree species (about two per size category) and the maximum number available for each type — for example, 5 redbuds and 5 serviceberries for Type C options, and 8 blackgums and 8 hornbeams for Type B options.

TREE TYPES

Type A Trees: Over 50 ft

Examples: Oaks, linden, sycamore, bald cypress

Type B Trees: 25–50 ft

Examples: Hornbeam, blackgum, yellowwood

Type C Trees: Up to 25 ft

Examples: Redbud, dogwood, fringe

[Click here for LG&E's Right Tree, Right Place Brochure](#)

POTENTIAL COSTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Neighbors will collect tree location data for the MSD grant (e.g. 123 Story Ave – 1 redbud in the right-of-way, 1 blackgum in the yard). TreesLouisville can help with an online form if needed.

MSD funding covers the trees only, so additional costs may apply:

- DIY planting materials (mulch, stakes, water well, twine, etc.): ~\$35/tree
- Hire TreesLouisville to Plant: Yard trees \$50–\$75/tree; street trees \$150–\$200/tree*

TreesLouisville can work with your budget and help seek additional funding if needed.

Neighbors are responsible for watering and long-term tree care.

*Street trees must meet city standards and require larger ball-and-burlap trees, additional equipment, and permitting.

HELPFUL TIPS

- Work with neighborhood associations for funding
- Ask participants to contribute financially
- Create flyers about available tree options
- Focus canvassing on specific streets for efficiency

TIMELINE

- ASAP Apply for grant (min 15 trees)
- Aug 1 Grant application due
- Aug–Oct Neighborhood canvassing
- Oct 31 Finalize tree purchases
- Nov 15+ Schedule planting date