

The background features a stylized, light green tree with many leaves, centered behind a white, tilted rectangular area. To the left of this area are several dark green, curved leaf-like shapes. To the right are overlapping, semi-transparent green geometric shapes.

Community Tree

a nonprofit dedicated to
community tree care

Community Tree

- ▶ A nonprofit organization dedicated to public education, community engagement and grant management for the promotion of sustainable urban forestry.
 - ▶ Application for recognition of exemption under section 501(c)3
- ▶ Board of Directors
 - ▶ Louisiana Arborist Association - Executive Director, Daryn Bovard
 - ▶ Louisiana Municipal Association - Vidalia Mayor, Buzz Craft
 - ▶ Police Jury Association - Evangeline President, Bryan Vidrine
 - ▶ Directors of Councils on Aging (LACOADA)- TBD

Community Concerns

Hazards

- ▶ Drought
- ▶ Insects
- ▶ Decay/Snag
- ▶ Nutrition
- ▶ Overgrowth

Hurdles

- ▶ Low-income or fixed income
- ▶ Training/Education
- ▶ Storms
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Right of Ways

Program Services For Low-income Households

Grants

- ▶ Removal
- ▶ Preventative Care
- ▶ Storm Recovery

Community Education

- ▶ Best Practices
- ▶ Maintenance
- ▶ Consulting

Funding

Government Programs

- ▶ USDA/Forest Service Grants
- ▶ State Funding

Donation & In-kind Services

- ▶ Foundations
- ▶ Public Donations
- ▶ Arborist In-kind

Funding Requirements

- ▶ Year 1 Projections
 - ▶ \$3000 average grant x 20 grants/mo. x 12 mo. = \$720,000
- ▶ Year 1 Estimated Expenses
 - ▶ Administrative and grant management costs = \$200,000
- ▶ Year 1 Funding = \$920,000

USDA / Forest Service

Urban and Community Forestry Grants

- ▶ Louisiana applicants (4) received a combined \$24.5M in 2023
- ▶ Funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (\$1.5B nationwide)



Region 8-Southeast

- ▶ Meeting with the grant management specialist
- ▶ Identifying current grant opportunities
- ▶ Exploring a potential mutual benefit partnership with the Forest Service

State of Louisiana

Appropriations

- ▶ Department of Agriculture
 - ▶ Forest Productivity Program
- ▶ Local Government

Disaster Declaration

- ▶ FEMA
 - ▶ Recovery Programs
- ▶ Drought
 - ▶ Southern Pine Beetle

Local & Private

Local Groups

- ▶ Foundations
- ▶ Nonprofits
- ▶ Associations



Private

- ▶ Donations
- ▶ In-kind Services

