



**Columbia Green Grant Program
2019 Proposal Cover Sheet
RECEIPT DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2019**

1. Circle Type of grant for which you are applying:

Tree Grant or Neighborhood Beautification

2. Name and type of applicant organization: (Must be a not-for-profit organization)

3. Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

4. Project name and location for which funds are requested:

5. Brief summary of Project for which funds are being requested:



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Call for Proposals

As part of its mission to make Columbia more beautiful for residents and visitors alike, Columbia Green has established two grant programs: Neighborhood Beautification Grants and Tree Initiative Grants. Awards will be announced at the Columbia Green Annual Meeting in November.

The Neighborhood Beautification Grants provide awards from \$500 to a maximum of \$3,000 for landscaping and beautification. The amount of funding for any individual grant depends on the specifics of the project. All projects must be completed by December 31, 2019.

The Tree Initiative Grants provide awards from \$500 to a maximum of \$3,000 for canopy trees and shade trees which, at maturity, will reach a height of 30 feet or more and have a crown spread of 20 feet or more. All Tree Initiative Grants must be completed by December 31, 2020.

Details of the Neighborhood Beautification Grants and the Tree Initiative Grants:

Proposal Due Date:	October 1, 2019
Eligible Organizations:	Non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, city governments, residential neighborhoods, places of worship, schools, and garden clubs.
Project Areas:	All projects must be planted in common areas, entryways and recreational areas freely open and accessible to the general public in the greater Columbia metropolitan area.
Sustainability:	All projects must be sustainable either through xeriscaping or irrigation.
Eligible Costs:	Funds may be used to purchase only trees, plants, and soil amendments. NOTE: Columbia Green will not fund specific invasive plants. There is a list of Exotic Invasive Species of South Carolina at the end of this proposal.
Matching Funds:	Matching funds are not required but encouraged. These can cover the costs of labor and irrigation.

Proposal Specifications: Proposal may not exceed five pages total, including cover sheet, pictures, and diagrams or other attachments.

Proposal Submission:

1. Electronically with JPG Image to cgreen1984@hotmail.com
2. Mail to: Grant Program
Columbia Green
PO Box 50191
Columbia, SC 29250

The application cover sheet downloadable from the Columbia Green website containing the following information:

- Title of the Grant Program (either Neighborhood Beautification or Tree Initiative)
- Name of Applicant organization, Contact Person, and contact information including telephone and e-mail address.
- Name of the project, description of the physical location, and ownership if different from the applicant.
- A brief summary of the proposed project.

An application narrative containing:

- Proposed landscape/beautification plan, including approximate dimensions of the project area, a list of the trees and/or plants to be installed, and the name of the person overseeing the installation.
- Photographs of the site.
- Description of the maintenance of the project, including irrigation plan and maintenance schedule.
- Estimated budget for the project, including matching funds if any.
- Schedule for implementation.

Proposal Evaluation:

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the Grants Committee of Columbia Green. We will consider the following:

- Expected benefit to the general public and project area.
- Attractiveness of the proposed planting.
- Expected sustainability of the plants by the proposed maintenance and irrigation plan **OR** the viability of the xeriscaping plan.

Post-Award Grant Administration:

- Grantee is responsible for all approvals, permits and easements that may apply, particularly those related to a municipal or county right-of-way.
- Expenditures for plant and soil amendments are cost reimbursable. Grant recipients must purchase materials and supplies with their own funds and will be reimbursed upon completion of the project. *Original* receipts for all purchases must be submitted with the request for reimbursement.
- Substitutions made at the time of installation will be reimbursed only if they are:
 - 1) horticulturally

- 2) as suitable as, or better than, the original
- 3) and approved by the Grants Committee.

Once the project has been installed, representatives from the Grants Committee of Columbia Green will visit the site to verify its successful completion. We will then put up a sign identifying this area as a project funded by Columbia Green.

A final written report summarizing the project's goals, accomplishments, and modifications to the original plan and including the original receipts must be submitted before Columbia Green will reimburse the project's cost. This report must include the name to appear on the reimbursement check and the mailing address for the check.

EXOTIC INVASIVE SPECIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SEVERE THREAT

TREES

Chinaberry, *Melia azedarach*
Chinese Tallowtree, *Triadica sebifera*
Princesstree, *Paulownia tomentosa*
Tree of Heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*

SHRUBS

Autumn-Olive, *Elaeagnus umbellata*
Chinese Privet, *Ligustrum sinense*
Japanese Knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum*
Scotch Broom, *Cytisus scoparius*
Shrub Lespedeza, *Lespedeza bicolor*
Thorny-Olive, *Elaeagnus pungens*
Trifoliate Orange, *Poncirus trifoliata*

VINES

Bigleaf Periwinkle, *Vinca major*
Cherokee Rose, *Rosa laevigata*
Chinese Wisteria, *Wisteria sinensis*
English Ivy, *Hedera helix*
Japanese Climbing Fern, *Lygodium japonicum*
Japanese Honeysuckle, *Lonicera japonica*
Kudzu, *Pueraria montana*

GRASSES

Chinese Silvergrass, *Miscanthus sinensis*
Cogongrass, *Imperata cylindrica*
Itchgrass, *Rottboellia cochinchinensis*
Japanese Stilt Grass, *Microstegium vimineum*
Johnsongrass, *Sorghum halepense*
Phragmites, *Phragmites australis*

HERBS

Sericea, *Lespedeza cuneata*
Tropical Soda Apple, *Solanum viarum*
Wart-Removing Herb, *Murdannia keisak*

SIGNIFICANT THREAT

TREES

Callery Pear, *Pyrus calleryana*
Chinese Parasol Tree, *Firmiana simplex*
Mimosa, *Albizia julibrissin*
Paper Mulberry, *Broussonetia papyrifera*
White Mulberry, *Morus alba*
White Poplar, *Populus alba*

SHRUBS

Japanese Privet, *Ligustrum japonicum*
Multiflora Rose, *Rosa multiflora*
Nandina, *Nandina domestica*

VINES

Chinese Yam, *Dioscorea polystachya*
Common Periwinkle, *Vinca minor*
Oriental Bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*
Sweet Autumn Virginibower, *Clematis terniflora*

GRASSES

Bahiagrass, *Paspalum notatum*
Dallisgrass, *Paspalum dilatatum*
Giant Reed, *Arundo donax*
Golden Bamboo, *Phyllostachys aurea*
Tall Fescue, *Festuca arundinacea*
Torpedograss, *Panicum repens*
Vaseygrass, *Paspalum urvillei*
Weeping Lovegrass, *Eragrostis curvula*

HERBS

Bull Thistle, *Cirsium vulgare*
Nodding Thistle, *Carduus nutans*
Queen Anne's Lace, *Daucus carota*
Rattlebox, *Sesbania punicea*

EMERGING THREAT

TREES:

Camphortree - *Cinnamomum camphora*

SHRUBS:

Tall Glossy Privet - *Ligustrum lucidum*
European Privet - *Ligustrum vulgare*
Sweet Breath of Spring - *Lonicera fragrantissima*
Macartney Rose - *Rosa bracteata*
Jerusalem Cherry - *Solanum pseudocapsicum*
Meadowsweet - *Spiraea japonica*
Saltcedar - *Tamarix ramosissima*
Beach Vitex - *Vitex rotundifolia*

VINES:

Purple Crownvetch - *Securigera varia*
Asian/Japanese Wisteria - *Wisteria floribunda*

SOURCE: EXOTIC INVASIVE SPECIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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