



**Columbia Green
Grant Programs
2017 Proposal Cover Sheet
RECEIPT DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**

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 projects. All projects must be completed by December 31, 2018.

The Tree Initiative Grants provide awards from \$500 to a maximum of \$2,500 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, 2018.

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

Proposal Due Date: September 15, 2017

Eligible Organizations: Not-for-profit organizations: city governments, residential neighborhood associations, neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations, garden clubs, etc.

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. **NOTE:** Columbia Green will not fund specific invasive plants. There is a list of non-funded plants at the end of this Proposal.

Sustainability: All projects must be sustainable either through xeriscaping or irrigation.

Eligible Costs: Funds may be used to purchase only plants, trees and soil amendments.

Matching Funds: Not required, but encouraged. Matching funds can cover the cost of labor, soil amendments, irrigation, fountains, landscape planning, etc. Matching funds may be provided by the applicant organization, private contributions or other grants.

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

Submit proposal with the following information:

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, e-mail address and mailing address.
- Name of the project, description of the physical location, and ownership if different from the applicant.
- A brief summary of the proposed project, in approximately sixty words.

An application narrative containing:

- Proposed landscape/beautification plan, including approximate dimensions of the project area(s) and the tree or plants to be installed, and personnel responsible for the implementation of the project.
- Photographs of the site(s) to be beautified.
- Description of how the project will be sustained, including maintenance and any irrigation plans, as well as duties and identity if individuals responsible for ongoing care.
- Estimated budget for the cost of the project, including matching funds, if any.
Note: Any expenses above the grant amount awarded must be borne by the applicant.
- Timeline for implementation.

Proposal Evaluation

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

- 1) expected benefit to the general public and project area;
- 2) the attractiveness of the proposed planting;
- 3) expected sustainability of the plants by the proposed maintenance and irrigation plan **OR** the viability of the xeriscaping plan; and
- 4) availability of matching funds.

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:
 - 1) they are horticulturally and aesthetically appropriate and
 - 2) as suitable as, or better than, the original submission.
- Representatives of Columbia Green will visit the project site(s) upon receiving a request for reimbursement to verify the project's completion.
- Reimbursement check will be issued upon verification.
- At the discretion of Columbia Green, a small sign may be placed on the property indicating Columbia Green sponsorship.
- Grantees are encouraged to seek public recognition of their projects and all media coverage initiated must acknowledge the sponsorship of Columbia Green.

- A final written report summarizing the project's goals and measurable accomplishments along with images of the completed site and any associated publicity is due to Columbia Green within one month of reimbursement.
- Proposals must be received by September 15, 2017 (any application received after that date will be considered), and may be submitted by either of the following methods:

1. Electronically with JPG Image to cgreen1984@hotmail.com

2. Mail to:

Grant Programs
Columbia Green
PO Box 50191
Columbia, SC 29250

Grants given to organizations are made possible by generous donations and contributions. We appreciate your interest and commitment in helping beautify our midlands and encourage you to visit Columbia Green's website, www.columbiagreen.org to learn more about our organization and its grants, tours, other special programs and how you can become a member. If you have any questions, please contact Columbia Green at 254-7595 or through www.columbiagreen.org.

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 Virginsbower, *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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