



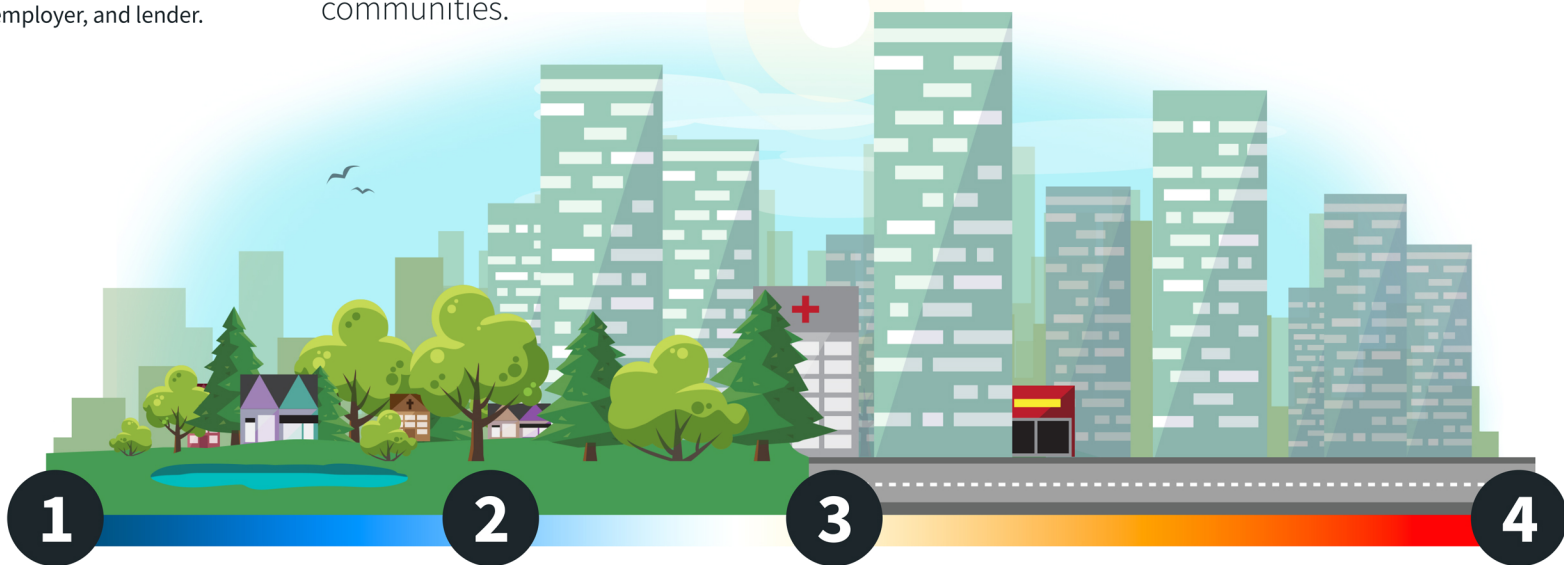
URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

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\$1.5 Billion to Expand Tree Canopy and Access to Nature

100% of Benefits Will Flow to Communities in Greatest Need

Urban and Community Forestry Grants, authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, provide funding to community-based organizations, Tribes, State and local agencies, public colleges and universities, and non-profits working to provide equitable access to trees and nature and the benefits they provide to urban communities.



Investing in a Healthier Future for America

385 grants were awarded to 50 states, 2 territories, 3 U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands, and multiple Tribal communities with 100% of benefits flowing to those in greatest need.

Expanding Tree Canopy in our Communities

Benefiting cities, towns, villages, non-profit organizations, Tribes, community and faith-based organizations, and minority serving institutions.

The Benefits of Trees in our Communities

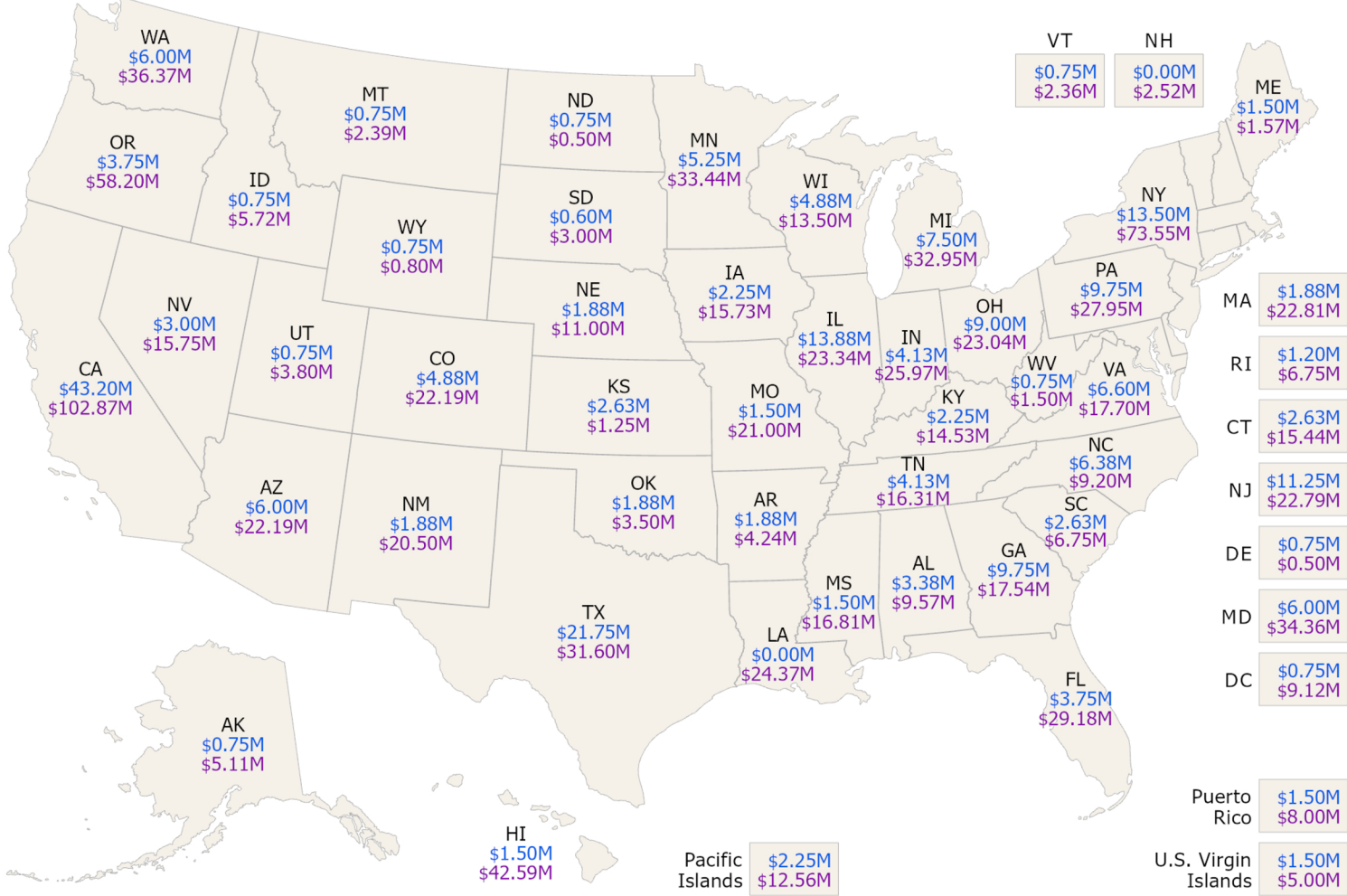
Trees mitigate extreme heat, conserve energy, provide shade, absorb storm water, create wildlife habitat, and filter air and water. An urban tree canopy leads to better health outcomes, economic opportunities and jobs, and increased property values.

Confronting the Growing Threat of Extreme Heat and Climate Change

July 2023 was the hottest month on record in communities around the country. Research has shown tree canopy cover reduces temperatures 11–19 °F compared to communities with no tree cover.

Urban and Community Forestry FY 2023 IRA Grant Allocations in Millions of Dollars

The USDA Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded more than \$1 billion to fund projects that support urban communities through equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide. The funding was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act.



FY 2023 IRA State Allocation - \$250 Million Total
FY 2023 IRA Notice of Funding Opportunity Grants - \$1.13 Billion Total

Historic Investments in America’s Cities, Towns, Suburbs, and Tribal Communities

100% of Benefits Will Flow to Communities in Greatest Need

Investments from the Inflation Reduction Act will fund 385 projects dedicated to tree planting and maintenance, workforce development, wood utilization, extreme heat mitigation, restoration and resilience strategies, and community planning. Most projects include multiple themes.



Tree Planting & Maintenance

90 percent of the projects will support the planting, monitoring, and long-term maintenance of trees, including those on public and private land, in parks, along streets and school grounds, and in vacant lots and community gardens.



Restoration and Resilience

60 percent of the projects will support climate-adapted tree plantings and related vegetation, nursery production, wood utilization, and strategies that increase community resilience to droughts, floods, storms, insects, diseases, and other natural disasters.



Workforce Development

45 percent of the projects will create and sustain living-wage jobs in green industries and provide new career pathways into urban forestry and arboriculture for youth and adults entering this workforce.



Extreme Heat

43 percent of the projects will foster the planning, planting, and long-term care of urban trees needed to mitigate rising temperatures in growing metropolitan areas.



Community Engagement in Urban Forestry Planning

36 percent of the projects will empower local communities, especially those experiencing inequitable environmental and social burdens, to participate in decision-making that improves conditions locally, regionally, and nationally.