

PART 1 – General Information

1. Applicant Information

Organization Name: City of Roundup MT Tree Board

City/Town/Community: Roundup, MT

Primary Contact Person: James Vivirito

Title: City Council 1st Ward, Tree Board member

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Secondary Contact Person:

Title: City Clerk, Tanya Lanter

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PART 2 – Community Context and Need

2. Describe your community's current continuum of tree care status. Include:

- Roundup Has a tree ordinance that is sufficient but needs to be updated. We also have a tree board that manages the city's trees. Public works will assist with planting new trees.
- The Tree Board does most of the work, however, we are transitioning to as many of our Tree Board Members have retired.
- We have a tree inventory dated 2020, This will need to be updated. It is currently on a spreadsheet, but we would be updating to Tree Plotter or Tree Keeper.
- We have been actively removing dangerous trees as indicated by our inventory. We have pruned and air spaded many trees over the years. We have planted many new trees over the last 5 years.
- Our recent challenge is recruiting new members as many of our older, more experienced members have retired. We have had significant storms in Roundup but thanks to the efforts of our Tree Board damage / downed tree are minimal.

3. Primary support requested? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ A. Tree Inventory
- ☒ B. Tree Care & Management Plan
- ☒ C. Medium to Large Tree Pruning
- ☒ D. Hazard Tree Removal and Replacement
- ☐ E. Tree Planting for Species Diversification

- 4.** Our community needs support as the city's limited budget and workforce cannot properly manage our 1500 trees. We have many ash trees in town that need to be pruned or removed, we also have concerns about the Emerald Ash Borer coming to Montana. We need support to replant trees to maintain a healthy canopy. to this account, the rest is from grants including MUCFA, DNRC, and Arbor Day.
- 5.** Our city needs a need tree inventory, management plan, pruning, removal and replanting of new trees. These needs will exceed \$6000.00 requiring city match as well as volunteer in kind match.

A. Tree Inventory: We have in excess of 1500 trees that will need to be inventoried. We will also need to obtain and implement new software. This will exceed \$7000.00.

B. Tree Care and Management Plan: We are in need of a new management plan and an updated City Ordinance.

C. Pruning: We have at least 40 trees that need pruning. There are five trees on Main Street. There are 3 trees on 11th Ave West that are causing traffic flow problems. most are in the Southeast part of town however they can be found all over town.

D. Hazard Removal and replacement: There are a some scattered on the Northwest side of town including 3 needing immediate removal and replacement in the 900 block of 3rd St West.

E. Species Diversification Planting: We would like to replace all trees removed however we would not replace trees in hazardous locations. We would prioritize the Southeast side of town which has seen less new trees than other parts of town. Tree care team remained in place: Jim Vivirito and his spouse Laura have been

placing tree gators, watering, and fertilizing as needed for 5 years. They will continue for the foreseeable future. Most supplies needed are in stock, with the exception of mulch needed for new trees. Trees that we have planted throughout the years include Linden, Burr Oak and Hot wings Maple, we are open to advice from arborists on species that will thrive in our area.

- 6. Please list the staff, volunteers, or partners who will participate in the project-related activities and their roles:** The City of Roundup will continue to maintain our budget and all financial responsibilities. They will also provide planting assistance and water for new trees. City Council member Jim Vivirito will take responsibility for the tree board until new members are found to take over. Laura Pollice will continue as a volunteer assisting with paperwork, watering and light pruning.
- 7. Explain in detail what type of training or additional capacity support (as indicated in Question 4 above) will your staff, tree/park board, volunteers, or community members need?** We will need help with canopy diversification. We will need to be trained to maintain the tree inventory. We will also need guidance creating or updating our Tree Ordinance.
- 8. How will you ensure the maintenance and sustainability of the project and move towards the next step in your continuum of tree care based on this support.** It is my experience that Roundup City Council unanimously supported the efforts of the Tree Board, and I believe this support will continue. We will continue to actively recruit new members for the tree board.

Certification & Signature

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and that our organization/community is committed to implementing this project if awarded funding.

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James Vivirito, Roundup City Council 1st Ward

