



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: October 13, 2025
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: ReLeaf Community Forestry Grant Application



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider authorizing staff to apply for a ReLeaf Community Forestry grant through the MN Department of Natural Resources.

This is a new grant program to which the District has not yet applied in the past. This program provides funding for tree inventory, planting, assessment, maintenance, improvement, protection, and restoration. This grant program may supplement the District's cost-share incentive program for local residents to plant trees. There is no required match for this grant. The deadline to apply is November 11th.

District staff is working on developing a grant proposal to supplement the 2026 cost-share program. If awarded, the grant period will be from May 2026-June 2027.

We estimate the grant request will exceed \$40,000. The Governance Manual policy requires that the Board must authorize the administrator to move forward with such an application. At present, the grant request is anticipated to be approximately \$50,000.

Recommended Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the District Administrator to apply to the ReLeaf Community Forestry grant and execute the grant agreement, if awarded. Seconded by Manager _____.

Hyperlink

More information available at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/2025-releaf.html>