

## Summary of MUCFA GRANTS 2019 -2020

For this year's grant cycle, we received 6 applications for grant money of which we have a total of \$5,000. The applicants that applied and the amount they asked for follows:

1. **Yellowstone Arboretum/Zoo Montana, in Billings:** Applied for a grant of \$900 to plant one of two proposals for tree plantings **A.** 2020 Asian Tree Diversification Program, plant 5 species of Asian trees **B.** 2020 North American Tree Diversification Program, plant 4 species of N.A. trees. The purpose is to help local nurseries in establishing a public display of trees that will help visitors in making decisions on purchase and diversification of choice. Also aids in the research of somewhat rare specimens in recording growth habits, water needs, and climate requirements. MUCFA decided to give them \$900 to plant the Asian Trees. We thought it was a good educational project and a way to

promote MUCFA.



Chinkapin Oak



Katsura

2. **Watershed Consulting, in Missoula, MT:** Plant 6 new trees and prune the existing boulevard and courtyard trees in the Poverello Center in Missoula. The center provides food, shelter, help and hope to people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. This project is a collaborative effort by a private business, and a non-profit organization. The partners would be ArborWorks, The Poverello Center, and North Missoula Community Development Corporation. MUCFA decided to grant this project \$1,625 and will help to secure additional funding for the project.

[https://missoulian.com/news/local/poverello-center-hosts-post-covid-19-neighborhood-cleanup/article\\_afede6b3-3288-54e8-8814-b83904d10adc.html](https://missoulian.com/news/local/poverello-center-hosts-post-covid-19-neighborhood-cleanup/article_afede6b3-3288-54e8-8814-b83904d10adc.html)

3. **Petroleum County Conservation District, in Winnett, MT:** With help from a 2018-2019 MUCFA grant the Conservation District and local community groups planted 60 trees at the local rodeo grounds and softball fields. This year they are asking for \$1,250 to purchase two 225-gallon tanks and hose reels to water the trees. This is an ongoing project and the Conservation District will continue to plant trees at the rodeo grounds and will need to water them. MUCFA will fund a portion of the project at \$825, this will allow them to purchase one tank, hose reel and tank stand.
4. **Quest Billings Public Schools Gifted and Talented, Billings, MT:** Asked for \$2,500 to plant a natural garden at Primrose Park that is certified by MT Wildlife Federation and National Pollinator Garden Network. The garden was designed by students. The plants and trees would be planted by students and their families. MUCFA will grant Quest \$500 to help pay for some of the trees that they are going to plant at the garden.
5. **City of Harlowton, Harlowton, MT:** Asked for \$1,000 to replace 20 green ash trees that have been removed or are going to be removed. The community forest is 60% green ash trees and of those only 37% are in good condition. The grant money would be used to diversify their urban forest and plant trees other than green ash trees. MUCFA will grant them \$500 for a portion of the work.



6. **City of Conrad, Conrad, MT:** A 2014 inventory identified that 50% of the city trees are in fair to dead/dying condition. They are asking for \$2,000 to start a hazardous tree removal and replacement program in the town. This is like last year's grant proposal where they were granted \$800 and removed one hazardous tree from a park. Conrad said that they would move forward with obtaining Tree City USA status. MUCFA will grant them \$650 for their proposal but wants to see and tell them to become a Tree City USA Community to receive additional funds for this work.

