



Assistance is being offered to one municipality or tribal government to plan and hold a 2027 N.C. Arbor Day celebration on North Carolina Arbor Day, March 19, 2027.

- Eligible organizations
  - Municipalities and tribal governments
  
- Application period
  - Opens July 1, 2026, and closes on August 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., EST
  
- Assistance and responsibilities
  - NCFS U&CF will provide the following services and supplies:
    - Event planning support
      - Event planning resources and guidance
      - Pre-event ceremonial tree planting site assessment and species selection
      - Professional tree planting and post-tree planting maintenance plans
    - Celebration
      - Framed Arbor Day proclamation signed by a community leader and the State Forester
      - An Arbor Day poster commemorating the event
      - An NCFS staff member to provide a brief Arbor Day celebration speech and present the proclamation
      - A 2-2½-inch caliper ceremonial tree for planting at the event.
      - Post-care supplies -- tree watering bag and mulch
      - Up to 200 tree saplings for giveaway to event participants/attendees
        - Species selection based on availability and consultation with U&CF staff
      - Tree sapling bags and planting instruction cards
    - Outreach materials
      - 1–2-page infographic-style event accomplishment report
    - Urban and Community Forestry review
      - U&CF staff will complete a general program review and recommendations to help the community to move up the sustainable U&CF management hierarchy.
  - Municipality will provide:
    - Event location – municipal property only
    - Event planning and logistics



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- Event amenities – restroom facilities, refreshments and supplies, etc., not listed above
  - Event marketing
- Award
- One municipality or tribal government
  - Awardee will be notified by Oct. 1, 2026
  - Award criteria
    - The review and award criteria noted on our Financial Assistance webpage apply with the following clarifications specific to this RFA.
      - The technical merit of the application will be defined by the need statement and event narrative for this RFA. Share why it is important to your community and your event ideas/plans.
      - A disadvantaged community will be defined as a municipality or tribal government that is in a [2026 N.C. Department of Commerce Tier 1 County](#).
- Application
- The application is electronic, and a copy of the application can be found on the [U&CF Resources and Specifications webpage](#) in the Financial Assistance section.
  - Review the application before submitting your application. The application has all the questions you will be required to answer and the information you will need to provide.

**[Apply for 2027 N.C. Arbor Day Celebration Assistance by clicking here](#)**