

Inspiring Projects

\$365,000

Urban Forest Stewardship in Austin Texas
2015-2021



Development CITY OF AUSTIN
SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Inspiring Project:

ROOTS & WINGS FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENTS Inspire

2021 AWARD
\$25,791

IMPACT

The Roots & Wings Festival is a community-wide celebration of Arbor Day and Monarch Appreciation Day. The 2021 festival spanned 14 days, engaged 25 partners groups, awarded over \$20,000 in community microgrants, distributed 3,500 nature kits, and engaged with over 2,000 community members.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

20 Community Groups

<https://rootsandwingsfest.com/>



Inspiring Project: COMMUNITY TREE OUTREACH Engagement

2021 AWARD
\$44,646

IMPACT
These funds helped to reach and promoted a healthy community of engaged and educated community stewards. In 2021, the DSD Community Tree Preservation Division provided education and tree information to over 100,000 people and provided inspirational activities and/or materials to over 9,200 people in Austin.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development Services Department



Inspiring Project: FESTIVAL BEACH FOOD FOREST Planning

2020 AWARD
\$24,800

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
This project brought together a diverse representation of the East Austin community. Over 500 attendees helped to create a master plan for the Food Forest, expanded existing gardens, inspired neighbors to create new food gardens in common areas, planted 6 new trees and provided care for 124.

LEAD APPLICANT
Urban Patchwork Neighborhood Farms

<https://urbanpatchwork.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD CRITTERS CREATURAS DEL BARRIO



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Gate design and illustration by Caitlin B. Alexander cballustration.com
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Inspiring Project: Grackle Green Playground Gates Art

2020 AWARD
\$5,069

IMPACT
Installed two intricate, “I-spy”
nature-themed gates at the
two entrances of the “Grackle
Green” playground.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Cherrywood Neighborhood
Association



Inspiring Project: COMMUNITY TREE OUTREACH Engagement

2020 AWARD
\$43,552

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
These funds promoted a healthy community of engaged and educated community stewards. In 2020, the DSD Community Tree Preservation Division provided education for over 7,100 people and provided inspirational activity and/or materials to over 7,300.

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development Services Department



Inspiring Project: CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP Public Art

2019 AWARD
\$1,100

IMPACT
Retreat facilitated a cyanotype workshop for approximately 200 children and adults during the Roots & Wings Festival.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Retreat



Inspiring Project: COMMUNITY TREE OUTREACH Engagement

2019 AWARD
\$58,761

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
2019 community engagement programming supports Imagine Austin and Austin Urban Forest Plan goals. In 2019 approximately 3,561 community members participated in inspiring activities related to trees.

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development Services Department



Inspiring Project:

LAGUNA GLORIA – IRON TREE TRUNK

Public Art

2018 AWARD

\$30,000

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

With the help of over 80 donors, the Contemporary Austin at Laguna Gloria purchased the Ai Weiwei sculpture, Iron Tree Trunk.

LEAD APPLICANT

The Contemporary Austin



Inspiring Project: URBAN FOREST COMMUNICATION Engagement

2018 AWARD
\$15,063

IMPACT
2018 community engagement programming that supports Imagine Austin and Austin Urban Forest Plan. Think Trees, honoring Margaret Hoffman, was launched in 2018.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Development Services Department



Inspiring Project: BOARDWALK BENCHES Planning

2017 AWARD

\$58,000

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Benches were crafted and installed along the overlook at the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake. The benches, designed by Studio Balcones and crafted from reclaimed wood by Hatch Workshop, were placed in memory of long-time, local volunteer Eloy Ojeda for all to enjoy.

LEAD APPLICANT

The Trail Foundation



Informing Project: URBAN FOREST COMMUNICATION Education

2017 AWARD
\$10,743

IMPACT
Funding for community engagement efforts that support Imagine Austin and Austin Urban Forest Plan Visions. Engagement methods involved social media, and outreach items for community events.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Community Tree Preservation
Division, Development Services,
City of Austin



Informing Project: STICKWORKS Art

2017 AWARD
\$15,000

IMPACT
The Pease Park Conservancy commissioned Patrick Dougherty to create his Stickwork art installation using local sources of ash and ligustrum. Over 200 volunteers helped harvest and build the structures which will remain standing until nature takes its course.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Pease Park Conservancy



Informing Project: URBAN FOREST COMMUNICATION Engagement

2016 AWARD

\$4,977

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Funding for community engagement efforts that support Imagine Austin and Austin Urban Forest Plan Visions. Engagement methods involved social media, and outreach items for events.

LEAD APPLICANT

Community Tree Preservation Division, Development Services, City of Austin



Inspiring Project: TREES OF GOVALLE Art

2015 AWARD
\$15,000

IMPACT
Over 2,000 people attended The Trees of Govalle, a dance featuring a large Pecan tree in Govalle Park and the Parks and Recreation Department's Urban Forestry Program staff. Arborists and their machinery were used to create a dance highlighting the skill, commitment, and elegance that is needed to keep our city's green space healthy.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Forklift Danceworks



Inspiring Project: GOVALLE ROOTS Art

2015 AWARD
\$2,500

IMPACT

This event was hosted at the Mexican American Cultural Center with the goal of deepening community engagement with each other and their neighborhood trees. The event included a screening of the Trees of Govalle film, and a facilitated discussion. By the end of the event attendees were asked how they might get more involved volunteering to help with tree mulching and care projects.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Forklift Danceworks



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