



MOUNT DORA FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INC.
c/o 206 E 9th Avenue Mount Dora, FL 32757
2017-18 "Live Oak Tree" Grant

The 2017-18 Mount Dora Live Oak Tree Grant program is one of the projects sponsored by the Mount Dora Friends of the Environment, Inc. (MDFE). Approved applicants will be able to have a Live Oak tree planted on their property, and receive a credit toward the tree cost of approximately half the value, up to \$300.

Qualified applicants must be property owners in the City of Mount Dora (CMD) municipal boundary and reside in a specific area. This area is west of US Highway 441 and east of Morningside, also known as the 'old town' area. As part of the Mount Dora Community Trust (MDCT), all funds for this grant are administered through the MDCT, and the actual project is co-sponsored by the MDFE and the CMD and is staffed by volunteers. The grant seeks to comply with the conditions of the grant as established by the Donor as well as with relevant tree ordinances within the CMD.

Please fill out the information requested below, print legibly, and provide the attachments indicated. Sign, date & return a scanned, signed copy with attachments via email to MountDoraEnvironment@gmail.com (or via USPS to address above).

Name (Please Print First & Last)

Phone Contact

Street

Email Address

City & Zip Code

Property Appraiser's Key Cod or Parcel ID

Best Time to Contact

1. Attach the following two items: 1) a copy of the property's tax bill from Lake County showing applicant's name, address, key code, parcel ID of the property and homestead exemption status; and 2) A copy of a CMD utility bill from the last 60 days.
2. Using an 8 ½" X 11" size piece of paper, draw a representation of your property boundaries with the building(s) located on it (*hand drawing is fine, does not have to be to scale*), write your name, phone and street address on the drawing. Indicate where on the property you desire to plant your live oak tree by placing an "X" with a circle around it. Identify the location of your water source and indicate if it is a spigot or an irrigation line.
3. Someone from the MDFE will contact you for an appointment to identify/approve the proposed tree location on your property (*space, soil conditions and sunlight are important*) and determine an approximate planting date. You will be asked to present a government issued photo identification card to verify you are the applicant. Shortly after the site visit the Applicant will be notified of the status of their application.
4. _____ (*applicant, please write your initials on the line*) Upon approval, and before delivery/planting, the applicant agrees to pay half the price of the Live Oak tree to the MDFE/MDCT. As of 3-2017 the estimated cost of Live Oak trees is as follows: 35-gal. trees = \$300 & 65-gal. trees = \$600. An approved grantee will pay approximately \$150 for a 35-gal tree or \$300 for a 65-gallon tree, which includes delivery, planting, first mulching, stakes/ties, if needed and a tree guard. The applicant agrees to provide water (up to 15-20 gal/day) and maintenance.
5. _____ (*applicant, please write your initials on the line*) All Applicants, through signing below, agree to the terms/conditions of the grant, and give permission for a representative of the MDFE and/or CMD to come onto their property at a mutually designated time for approval of tree location, for planting the tree and for quarterly inspections within the first two years to verify the tree is still alive and thus the viability of the program and the "Live Oak Tree Grant".
The Applicant agrees to hold the MDFE/CMD harmless from any claims resulting from, or relating to, this grant.

All trees, regardless of when purchased, will be planted between the months of October through early May. If desired, applicants may select their live oak tree from those pre-purchased from locally grown trees acquired for this grant.

I, _____, agree to the terms and conditions of this grant as stated above and make a commitment to provide water, fertilizer and care and care for my tree, and comply with any CMD ordinances pertaining to trees.

Signature

Date

Witness (not a relative)

Date



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Background Information

The purpose of this grant is to enable property owners residing at, or conducting business on, their property, which is to be located in the City of Mount Dora (CMD) (*municipal limits specifically west of U S Highway 441 and east of Park Avenue, also known as the ‘Old Town’ area*), to plant a live oak tree on their property at approximately half of the retail cost. The Applicant will reimburse the Mount Dora Friends of the Environment, Inc. (MDFE) for half the price of the live oak tree, up to approximately \$300.

As of April 2017 the first group of live oak trees for this project have been purchased and pre-selected for being ‘best specimens’ from local tree farms, by the MDFE tree fund.

An approved applicant may visit the location of trees at a pre-arranged time to choose from either a 35 gallon live oak tree (cost estimated at approximately \$150) or a 65 gallon live oak (estimated cost is up to approximately \$250-\$300). Upon selection of the tree (*if applicable*) and after approval of the proposed planting location on Applicant’s property, the application will be reviewed and a decision made by the grant committee. Upon approval, the Applicant will write a check for half the price of the tree to the MDFE. Arrangements will be made for a mutually convenient time to plant, apply first mulching and fertilizer after payment is received.

As a partner, the CMD may assist in transport and/or planting/installation pending staff availability. In addition, planting crew may be all volunteers with the MDFE working with the property owner in the planting/installation of the tree. The property owner agrees to allow representative(s) of the MDFE and/or CMD to come onto their property before planting to approve location, again at planting to assist with installation and afterwards to inspect the tree to ensure both the viability of the health of the tree as well as of this type of program and grant.

Because (at the donor’s request) the “Live Oak Tree Grant” is specifically open to residents owning property and living (or working) on the same property, possible applicants agree to show state issued identify at the site visit to determine possible location of the tree. The “Live Oak Tree Grant” is part of the “Tree Project” for the City of Mount Dora sponsored by the Mount Dora Friends of the Environment, Inc. All approved applicants will receive a one (1) year courtesy membership in the MDFE.

As the CMD is a designated “Tree City USA” as determined by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the grant is for the purpose of encouraging the further development, maintenance and care of the City’s tree canopy. The area selected for this grant is due to the age of the tree canopy in this area meant to assist in further developing and restoring the City’s tree overall tree canopy within this area.

More information can be obtained at www.MountDoraEnvironment.org.