

South Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry "Storm Damage Grant Program" supports communities interested in maintaining their urban forests by offering aid for damaged trees. Being motivated to maintain a strong urban forest can be difficult for the communities in South Dakota that are found in such a severe climate, particularly when the restorative process of replacing trees and landscapes can be difficult and time-consuming. This grant program offers resources as a way to open a new door for communities in South Dakota trying to enhance their community forests.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry supports communities around the state with grant awards for storm damage.

These grant awards are dispersed among communities throughout South Dakota who are salvaging their urban forests from past storms. In South Dakota, this damaging weather can range from ice storms to snow storms to thunderstorms to wind storms. As a result, the funds can only be used to plant and replace trees; however, there is no limit on how much a community can request.

In the March 2017 grant cycle, awarded grant funds totaled \$10,000. These funds originated from the Landscape Scale



Community members in the small community of Reliance, South Dakota coming together in May 2017 to plant trees.
Photo: Rachel Ormseth

Restoration competitive grant program and have opened a new door of resources for communities in South Dakota trying to enhance their community forests.

This grant program has provided the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry with the tools to reach out to a variety of communities and has positively impacted communities around while promoting the importance of urban forests.



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