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**CITY OF HANFORD PURSUING CAL FIRE URBAN AND COMMUNITY
FORESTRY PROGRAM GRANT**

City seeking public input through online and in-person survey

HANFORD, CA – The City of Hanford’s Parks and Community Services Department has established an [online](#) and in-person survey to hear the public’s thoughts about the prospect of planting more trees and creating community gardens throughout the City. The feedback will help the City in its efforts to secure funding through the 2024 Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant, administered by CAL FIRE.

“Planting trees within the community has so many benefits: improving the environment, reducing energy costs, protecting wildlife, and beautifying our community,” said Hanford Parks & Community Services Director Brad Albert. “It only takes a minute or two to complete the survey, and we’d be grateful for the public’s input.”

Specifically, the City is applying for the Urban Forest Expansion and Improvement Grant. If awarded the grant, the plan is to plant approximately 500 trees and create gardens for the community to enjoy.

The City is committed to growing its own urban and community forestry program. Last year, the City received a \$1 million grant award through the U.S. Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Grant, which will fund the planting of trees in downtown Hanford and the development of a comprehensive tree inventory.

The [online survey](#) will be open through Sunday, May 26.

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