

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 4/18/05
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Reviewed by _____

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Albany City Council Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the Urban Forestry Grant Program as Provided Through Proposition 12 for the City of Albany Urban Forestry Program.

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #05-18 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the Urban Forestry Grant Program provided through Proposition 12 for the City of Albany Urban Forestry Program.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this grant is to increase tree canopy cover within California communities. Increased tree canopy cover is credited with improved aesthetics, recreation, energy conservation, noise reduction, wildlife habitat, and many other benefits. This grant would allow the City to offer residents a reduced rate for street tree planting, and also allow funding for infill of street trees in commercial areas where vacant tree wells currently exist. Approximately 200 trees would be planted with the grant funds. If the funding is awarded, the City anticipates a start date of August 2005.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost of this capital project is \$41,420. If City Council approval is received, the City would apply for a \$25,000 grant that has a three-year cycle. The City's contribution to the program will be \$16,420 expended over 2-3 years. This includes an in-kind contribution of \$12,250 for watering by the city's residents, volunteer planting, etc., and \$4,170 in City staff time (100 hours @ \$30/hour plus benefits).

Attachment
Resolution #05-18