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Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Project Proposal Application Form

Project Proposal

In 1964, Elizabeth R. Dean bequeathed $2 million to the City of Ann Arbor for the income to be used “to be held in trust in perpetuity, to repair, maintain and replace trees on city property.” The trust is managed by the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee, which accepts, reviews, and considers proposals for special tree planting and maintenance projects to enhance Ann Arbor’s urban and community forest as one of the allocations of the income.

Project Evaluation & Selection Criteria

Projects must provide for open and equal access to all citizens, thereby benefiting the entire community. The Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee has identified the following project aims and areas/locations towards which it would like to focus its funding.

Project Aims

- Neighborhood enhancements including shade, privacy, and noise reduction
- Beautification
- Environmental stewardship
- Preservation and/or improvement of air and water quality
- Biodiversity enhancement
- Honoring city connections and shared community values

Locations

- Rights-of-way (easements) along:
  - Neighborhood streets
  - Major streets
- City parks
- Rights-of-way adjacent to:
  - Public and affordable housing
  - Community centers / libraries

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Applicant Information

Name

Email address

Phone number

Organization

Are you interested in serving on the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I need more information

Project Proposal Information

Please answer the following questions as concisely as possible. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.) If your proposal is considered for funding, you may be asked to attend a Dean Fund Committee meeting to further explain your project.

1. Describe the project. Please include the nearest cross streets or other means to identify the specific location.

2. How does the project address one or more of the aims listed in the application form?

3. Have you sought other sources or matching of funding?

   ☐ No ☐ Yes (describe)

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4. Please check the box for each activity your project will entail and provide the estimated number of trees per activity type. If the activity is not listed, please describe in the space provided.

- ☐ Planting
- ☐ Removal
- ☐ Stump grinding
- ☐ Pruning
- ☐ Other (describe)

5. If approved for funding, how will you or your group support this project?

6. Have you talked over your project with members of the community, city staff, or city council?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (describe with whom and how)

Please submit your completed application via one of the methods below. (Email is greatly preferred.)

Email completed applications to:

njacob@a2gov.org

jpauline@a2gov.org

Mail completed applications to:

Wheeler Service Center
Attn: EDFC/Nicholas Jacob
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