



## Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City of Artesia Receives Urban and Community Forestry Grant from CAL FIRE

The City of Artesia has received an Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE") totaling \$878,336.56. The grant will fund an update to the City's tree inventory, the development of an urban forest master plan, and the planting of about 400 new trees throughout the City of Artesia between this summer and Spring 2022.

This landmark award is a significant achievement for the City's efforts toward building a more sustainable community and working toward carbon neutrality. Tree planting is one of the few actions the City can directly take to address non-source specific pollution in Artesia. Over their first 40 years in the ground, the trees planted by this project will remove over 7,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and will provide countless other benefits to the community. The tree inventory and master plan development portions of this project will allow the City to prudently expand and manage Artesia's urban forest over the next four decades. The grant is the second largest to be received by a city in this year's award cycle, after only the City of Los Angeles.

Work on this project will begin in the summer, and will take place throughout the next three years. The City will be working with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and other agencies to complete the project, and looks forward to bringing the benefits of this grant award to the community.

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*Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of two 2018 Beacon Spotlight awards, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at [CityofArtesia.us](http://CityofArtesia.us), like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.*