



Freetown City Council

#FreetownTheTreeTown Campaign

Transform Freetown Target:
50% increase in tree & vegetation cover from 2018 levels by 2022

Community Tree Planting and Stewardship Small Grant **2020 Guidelines for Application**



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1. Purpose

This grant supports initiatives that will increase tree and vegetation cover in the Freetown Peninsula through tree planting and stewardship on private and public land.

The pressures of the rapidly expanding city are taking an increasing toll on the forest expanse in and around Freetown, with the fringes of the city rapidly pushing up into the mountains of the forested peninsula – leading to a tree cover loss of 12% or 555 ha per year between 2011 and 2018. Such an expansion fueled by intense deforestation is a critical cause for concern, as the forested area lost and under threat provides vital functions for the city, such as a catchment for water reserves (water supply to the City of Freetown) and as a protector against natural hazards including landslides, flooding and coastal erosion. Compounded by impact of climate change tree and vegetation cover loss in Freetown and the Western Area peninsula has also created loss of biodiversity and habitat in the forest and woodlands system along the Freetown peninsula as well as the systematic destabilization of high slopes and creating the context of the free flow of water which increases sediment into the river and dam systems and will over time result in a loss of water capacity of the reservoirs and thus limited access to water for Freetown and the recurring threat of natural hazards and threats to critical infrastructure, life and property.

Hence, as a core component of the *Transform Freetown Agenda*, The Mayor of Freetown and the Freetown City Council (FCC) set the goal to increase tree and vegetation cover by 50% from 2018 levels by 2022 to address the impact of climate change on the City and its residents. To get there, we target to plant and grow 1 million trees across the 13 Catchment areas of the Western Area Peninsula [Freetown and Western Area Rural District] over the 2020 and 2021 rainy seasons, after planting >23,000 trees in 2019. The FCC is partnering with the Western Rural District Council, the Ministry of Environment, EPA, Guma Valley Water Co., the Ministry of Water Resources / Water Resources Management Agency, and the National Protected Area Authority to focus on planting and growing trees in the of upper catchment and high slope areas in 58 targeted reforestation areas across 11 Catchment areas, as well as, targeted mangrove woodlands to address critical recurring hazards and avoid potential disasters, restore natural ecosystems' and protect the water supply and sanitation infrastructure.

The context for reforestation under the FCC Tree Planting and Growing Strategy is based on recommendations noted in the Multi-city Hazards Assessment Report funded by the World Bank and geomorphic analysis conducted by the Catchment Areas were assessed for reforestation in high slope and upper catchment areas to address recurring flooding, landslide susceptibility, coastal erosion and to protect critical infrastructure e.g. the water supply to Freetown and the Western Area Rural District.

This requires a strategy actioned on a Community Planting and Stewardship platform to:



1 Implement planting and growing strategy through a community planting and stewardship model for achievable tree and vegetation cover targets



2 Plant and grow more trees in public spaces



3 Plant and grow more trees on private land: in and around residential and commercial properties

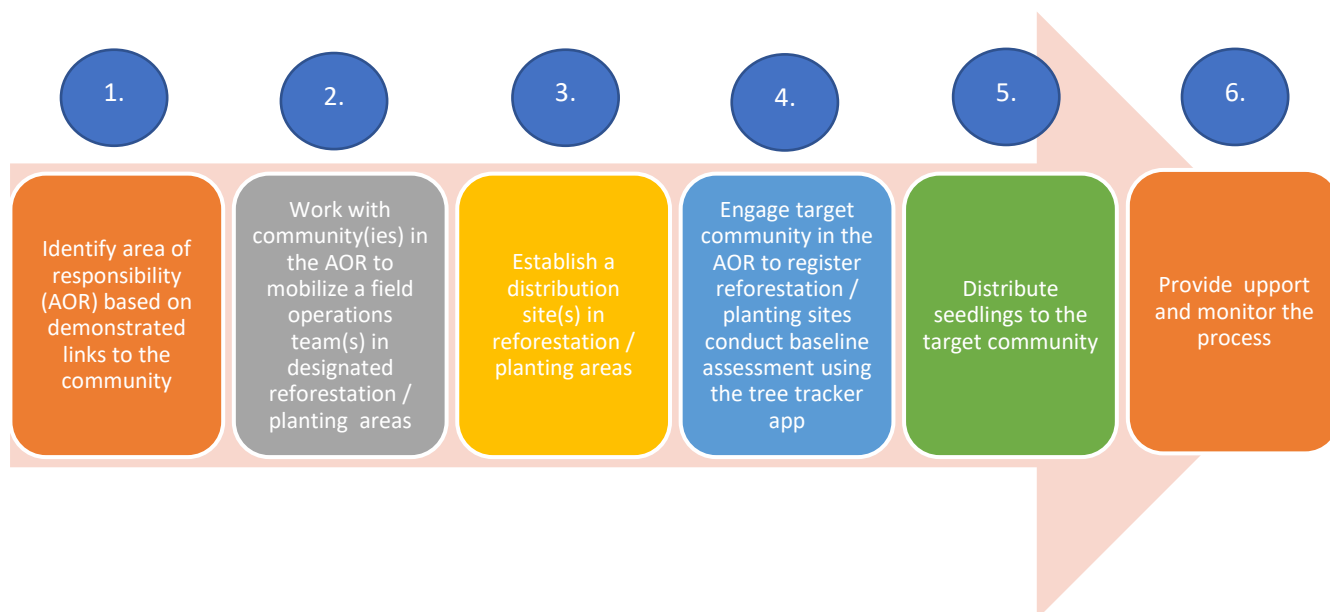


4 Enable environmental stewardship to track the growth and health of trees planted to achieve at least an 80% tree survival rate

2. Scope of Work

NNGO / CBO partners will be expected to manage tree planting and stewardship field operations under the FCC Tree Planting and Growing Strategy 2020 -2022.

Key Deliverables



1. Identify Area of Responsibility (AOR)

Each eligible local organisation (e.g. NNGOs, CBOs, etc.) should identify one of the eleven (11) target catchment areas for reforestation under the project. See below planting table and reforestation map which indicates catchment area, reforestation area, distribution sites, hectares and trees to be planted in each Area of Responsibility/Catchment Area.

Catchment	Total number of trees	Number of reforestation areas	Total size of reforestation area	Number of distribution centers	Distribution centers
C1 – Aberdeen	3190	1	2 HA	2	1. Aberdeen Roundabout 2. Lumley Safecon
C2 - Congo Town	21370	3	25 HA	4	1. Congo Cross 2. Hillcut Roundabout 3. Congo Cross 4. CCSL Compound

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C3 - Tower Hill	28110	9	38.25 HA	5	1. Cotton Tree 2. Kingtom Bridge 3. Model Junction 4. Annie Walsh Memorial 5. Hillside Baptist, New England
C4 – Gloucester	29133	5	24.5 HA	3	1. Uppun Roundabout 2. PWD Kissy 3. Skye Junction - FBC
C5 – Kissy	16466	4	17.5 HA	4	1. Kissy Mental Home 2. Baracks Old Road 3. Portee New Road 4. Good Shepherd Church
C6 - Samura Town	13475	5	61.5 HA	5	1. St John City Road Wellington 2. PMB New Road 3. Kongosa Market Calaba Town 4. Allen Town Petrol Station 5. Later Days Church
C7 - Regent Grafton	77364	10	146 HA	6	1. Deeper Life Camp Ground 2. Later Days Church Grafton 3. Grafton Training Centre 4. SS Camp 5. Regent Saddle
C8 - Yarms Farm	44056	4	66 HA	1	1. Hastings Toll Gate
C9 – York					
C10 – Sussex	44380	2	13.5 HA	2	1. NP Lakka 2. King's View Sussex
C11- Angola Town	33120	6	33.5 HA	3	1. Angola Central Mosque 2. MMCET Campus 3. Funkia Junction
C12 – Baoma					
C13 - Regent Lumley	17980	7	54 HA	4	1. Regent Road Lumley 2. Yumkela Road 3. One Mile 4. IMATT Junction

FREETOWN REFORESTATION MAP

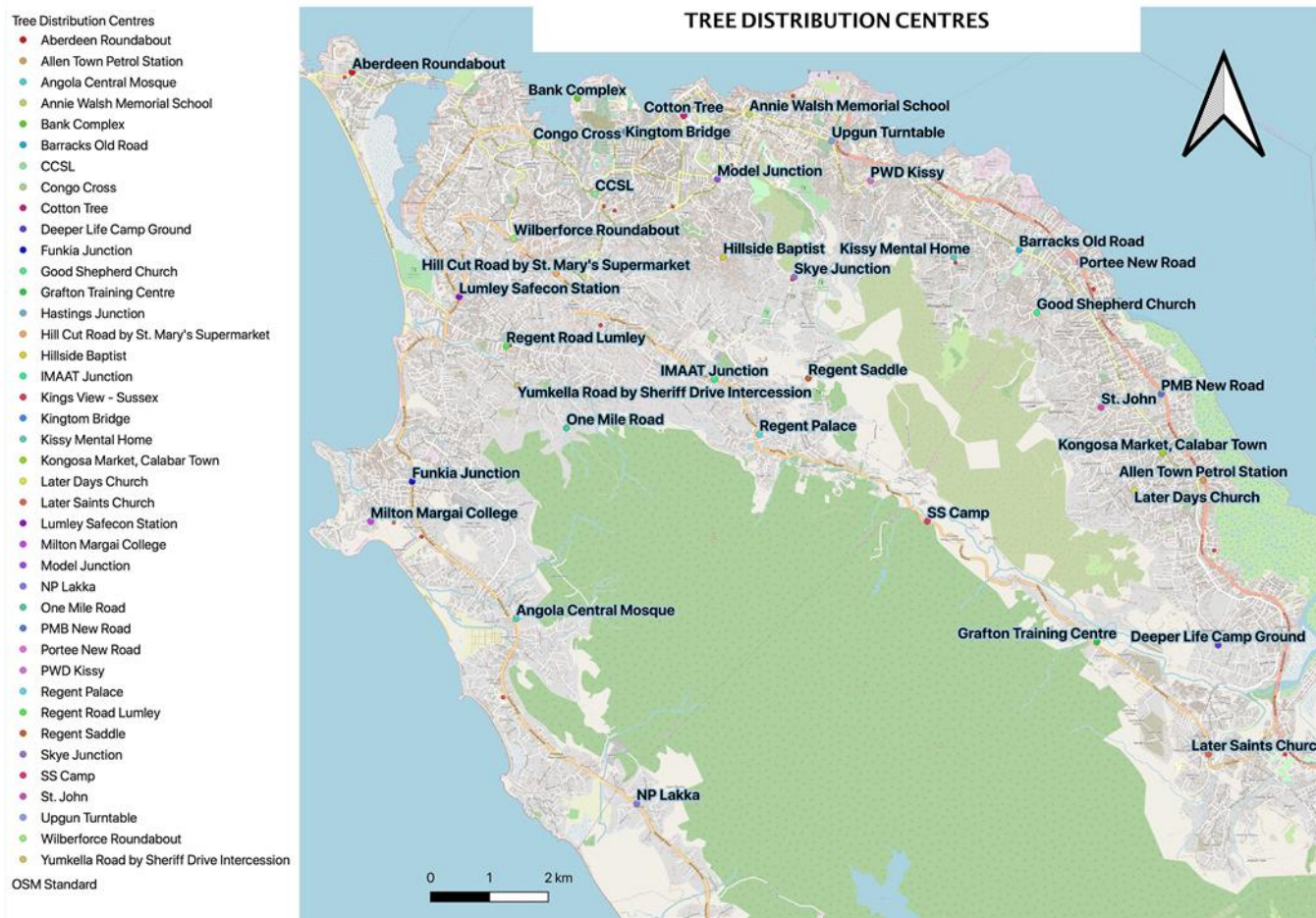


2. Work with community (ies) in the AOR to establish a community planting and stewardship field operations team of five (5) persons per designated distribution site.

Each CBO/NGO will be expected to build teams inside of communities to ensure FCC Tree Planting and Growing targets are met within the AOR. This requires liaising with local stakeholders to identify persons with the appropriate skillset to join the tree planting and growing field operations teams. There will be one (!) field ops team per distribution site and multiple communities covered by each site. Hence it is important to liaise with the ward councillors in the areas to ensure the greatest inclusion. Note that there should be gender parity, meaning at least two (2) female members on the team.

3. Establish a distribution site

Forty (40) tree distribution sites have been identified and will be established across the Western Area Peninsula with close proximity to reforestation areas. Each site will have a banner and communication equipment, a registration point and a distribution area. A storage area will be provided through liaison with the Ward Councillor. Transportation of seedlings where needed from the distribution area to the planting area for public spaces will be provided. All persons receiving trees for planting in private spaces will come to the distribution site to collect seedlings.



4. Engage target community in the AOR & conduct baseline assessment using the tree tracker app

Each team will be required to register the location and stewards for all private and public tree planting and growing spaces in the AOR, using the Freetown City Council tree tracker app. This means that each residential and commercial property must be engaged to achieve buy-in to plant and grow trees in and around their property. In addition teams will manage planting and growing in designated public spaces.

5. Distribute seedlings to the target community

Each team will be responsible for distributing seedlings to the target reforestation area within their AOR.

NOTE: All residential and commercial properties will come to collect seedlings at the distribution sites within the AOR; whereas teams will be responsible for delivering seedlings directly to public spaces for planting and growing.

6. Support and monitor the process

All seedlings that are moved to planting areas will be tracked and the growing of those seedlings will be monitored monthly through the FCC tree tracker app. Support will be provided to tree stewards to maintain and care for the trees.

3. Funding Amount

To be determined based of scope of activities in the AOR.

4. Duration

Grant funding is available for projects of up to 6 months in duration (to take place between July 2020 and December 31, 2020).

5. Eligibility

You must be a Community Based Organisation (CBO) or National NGO (with demonstrated community based linkages) registered with the Freetown City Council and in possession of a current National Revenue Authority (NRA) certification to be eligible to apply.

6. Application Process

Applications must be submitted online at www.fcc.gov.sl and www.efasl.org by 5 pm on Friday 17 July, 2020.

There are two stages to the evaluation of your application:

Stage 1: Initial Review

- Applications are reviewed for completeness and for alignment with the grant guidelines and assessment criteria
- You will be notified if your application will proceed to full review, if it is declined or if additional information is required

Stage 2: Full Review

- Applications are assessed by a grant review panel of EFA and FCC staff and external members with relevant expertise and experience. The grant review panel will then make recommendations on which CBOs/NNGOs should be considered for funding and in what amounts.
- All applicants will be notified once the funding decisions have been finalized.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on four areas: Experience, Capacity, Feasibility and Impact.

- The application is aligned with the vision of the FCC Tree Planting and Growing Strategy
- The application should clearly demonstrate the applicant's experience and capacity to successfully complete the project and to maintain the trees over the long term, and describe a feasible process to accomplish the project and meet project deliverables
- The application should demonstrate the impact of the project as it relates to the purpose of the grant and in increasing tree cover and ensuring at least 80% survival rate of tree planted under the project.

Additional assessment considerations include:

- Demonstrated geographic representation / links within the community proposed under the grant
- Ability to operate in locations with low tree cover or a high need for tree planting and/or stewardship
- Demonstrated environmental protection and community education programming experience
- Demonstrated commitment to achieving community impact and benefit of proposed tree planting and stewardship activities

Funding Terms and Conditions

Applicants approved for funding will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Foundation for Africa (EFA) in order to receive funding. The MOU will include the grant amount and the terms and conditions of funding. The following must be provided before any funds are released:

- Certificate of Registration from the Freetown City Council
- Valid NRA certification

Details will be provided to successful applicants.

Application Support

Potential applicants can contact Environmental Foundation for Africa (EFA) for support in completing their application.

Please email: info@efasl.org