



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Urban Forestry
1300 White Street
Key West, FL 33040

Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to obtain authorization to allocate up to \$2,000.00 from the Tree Fund to facilitate the purchase of four (4) Green Buttonwood street trees along the Duval Street corridor. This initiative is designed to increase the urban tree canopy in locations where planting is prudent and needed, enhance the streetscape, and support the City's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and community beautification.

Background and Justification

Duval Street is one of Key West's most iconic and heavily trafficked corridors. Several street tree locations along the corridor have been identified as vacant or in need of replacement. The addition of canopy trees in these locations will provide shade, improve air quality, enhance the pedestrian experience, and contribute to the overall health and appearance of the downtown streetscape.

The Green Buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*) is a Florida native species well-suited to Key West's island environment. It is salt-tolerant, drought-resistant, and provides meaningful canopy cover. The proposed trees are 25-gallon, 12-foot tall specimens with a 2-inch diameter, representing a quality planting standard consistent with the City's Urban Forestry objectives.

Program Description

Urban Forestry proposes to procure four (4) Green Buttonwood street trees at the following identified vacant locations along the Duval Street corridor:

- 104 Duval Street
- 519 Duval Street
- 533 Duval Street
- 715 Duval Street

Note: Addresses are pending final field verification. Confirmed locations will be provided prior to procurement.

Funding Request

Urban Forestry is requesting approval to utilize up to \$2,000.00 from the Tree Fund for the procurement of four (4) Green Buttonwood trees, 25-gallon, 12-foot tall, 2-inch diameter.

Benefits to the Community

- Increases urban tree canopy along a high-visibility, high-traffic corridor
- Enhances the pedestrian experience and streetscape aesthetics on Duval Street

- Utilizes a Florida native species well-suited to Key West's island environment
- Supports the City's urban forestry goals, objectives, and continued participation in the Tree City USA program
- Addresses identified vacant street tree locations in a timely and cost-effective manner

Key to the Caribbean – average yearly temperature 77° Fahrenheit.