



## Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant Program Proposal

### Partner with IDEAS For Us To Apply For An Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant

IDEAS For Us and The Orange County Neighborhood Services Division is interested in partnering with several organizations for the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant!

By applying, you are nominating your organization, Neighborhood Association or Homeowners Association to partner with IDEAS For Us to apply to this Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant.

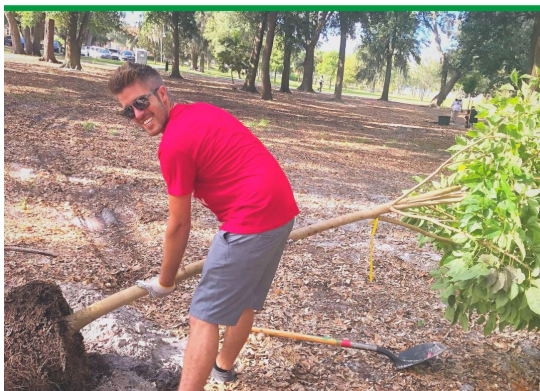
### Goals of the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant:

- Beautify Orange County through environmentally focused projects.
- Support creative ways to bring people together and mobilize volunteers for a hands-on learning experience.
- Educate residents on the importance of climate resilience and ecological systems.

### About IDEAS For Us:

IDEAS For Us is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and an accredited NGO of the United Nations. IDEAS's mission is to develop ideas, fund action, and scale solutions that solve the world's most pressing environmental challenges. Learn more at [www.ideasforus.org](http://www.ideasforus.org)

## TREE PLANTING



### Why Plant Fruit Trees or Native Trees in Your Community?

Forests are essential to life on earth and currently cover 31% of the land area on our planet. They sequester carbon from our environment, produce oxygen, and provide wildlife habitat. Deforestation comes in many forms, including fires, clear-cutting for agriculture, ranching and development, unsustainable logging for timber, and degradation due to invasive species and climate change. This impacts people's livelihoods and threatens a wide range of plant and animal species. We're losing 18.7 million acres of forests annually, equivalent to 27 soccer fields every minute. It is estimated that 15% of all greenhouse gas emissions are the result of deforestation. A single tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.

Tree plantings can include Florida Native Trees or fruit producing Florida Friendly trees to provide your community with a lasting, environmental impact for years to come.

