Wells Fargo awards $635,000 to Dallas area community groups
Grant program helps support sustainable development in underserved communities

DALLAS, Feb. 4, 2015 – Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) today announced that nine Dallas-area nonprofit organizations were awarded 12 grants totaling $635,000 from the Wells Fargo Sustainable Communities grant program for projects that focus on community development and the environment. The philanthropic grants support a range of projects that create economic opportunity and environmental justice in underserved DFW communities.

“We believe that helping our communities become more environmentally sustainable will improve the long-term quality of life of our customers and team members,” said John Gavin, Wells Fargo regional president for Dallas/Fort Worth. “We’re proud to support these hard-working nonprofits on strategic projects that support social, economic and environmental concerns within DFW in alignment with Wells Fargo’s strategic philanthropy goals which aim to address demographic changes, improve the local economy and help transition communities to a “greener” future.

The Dallas/Fort Worth market is one of three markets across the country selected in the Wells Fargo Sustainable Communities grant pilot program developed in 2014 to provide support to environmentally-minded nonprofits that support the health and well-being of under resourced communities. Los Angeles and Philadelphia are the two other selected cities as part of Wells Fargo’s commitment to provide $100 million to environmentally-focused nonprofits and universities by 2020. The grants are funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation and support smart growth strategies that emphasize job growth and recognize and incorporate green infrastructure as a focal point of sustainable communities.
The recipients of Wells Fargo’s “Sustainable Communities” grants include:

**Southeast Oak Cliff CDC/BAC**
Pilot an education program in the Southeast Oak Cliff area to mobilize a Community Recyclable Educational Program

**Downtown Dallas Inc.**
Pilot ridership access for low-income residents to the new Dallas Bike Share program

**The Development Corporation of Tarrant County**
Building green homes for low income veterans in the Arlington area

**REAL School Gardens**
Educator Learning Initiative

**River Legacy Foundation**
Environmental Educational/Living Science Center Program

**SMU Hart Center for Engineering Leadership**
South Dallas Food Oasis Program

**Texas Trees Foundation**
Trees and Technology Program for Middle/High Schools,
Planning and Planting the Living Connected City/Workplace Development program,
Cool Neighborhood Program

**Trinity Commons Foundation**
Lower Chains Wetlands
Skyline Trail Restoration
La Bajada Urban Youth Farm

**UpLift Luna Preparatory School**
Playground Restoration Program

Texas Trees Foundation President and CEO Janette Monear said, “The generous donation by Wells Fargo is providing the city of Dallas a healthier, cleaner, cooler, and greener future through the implementation of trees and green infrastructure into the fabric of our city. We are grateful to partner with a company who shares this commitment, passion, and foresight to transform Dallas into a model for visionary and sustainable urban planning.”

The trustees of the Texas Trees Foundation are hosting a “State of the Urban Forest” event on Thurs., Feb. 5 from 8 – 9:30 a.m. in which each of the grants will all be announced.
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