Your donations are making a difference!
Utilities perform vegetation maintenance to reduce tree-initiated risk to overhead power systems. With funding from the TREE Fund’s Utility Arborist Research Fund, John Goodfellow (BioCompliance Consulting, Inc.) successfully developed and validated a model that will allow utilities to make informed decisions on the tradeoffs between maintenance expenses and risk, while taking the cost consequences of outages to end-use customers into account. Read more about this ground-breaking work on our website.

Thank you to our December 2015 **major contributors:**
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**Apply online today** for grants and scholarships at treefund.org. **NEW** - the Hyland Johns Research Grant now has a maximum award value of $50,000.

Letters of intent are **due March 1** for:
- TREE Fund Arboriculture Education Grants (up to $5,000)
- Ohio Chapter ISA Arboriculture Education Grants (up to $5,000)

Applications are **due April 1** for:
- Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships ($3,000)
- Hyland R. Johns Research Grants (NEW - up to $50,000!)

We are pleased to welcome Southern Chapter ISA as our newest TREE Fund Diamond Partner for 2016. We’re excited to work with the Chapter’s dedicated and passionate members to put on an outstanding STIHL Tour des Trees in 2016!
Registration for the 2016 STIHL Tour des Trees opens January 12. Explore the Piedmont region of the Carolinas October 9-15, 2016, with other recreational cyclists who share your passion for trees. It’s the ride of a lifetime, every year! Find out more and register at stihtourdestrees.org.

Save the dates! We hope to connect with you at these TREE Fund events in 2016:

- Arbor Fair, April 2-3 in San Antonio, TX
- ISA Conference and Trade Show, August 13-17 in Fort Worth, TX
  - Asplundh Golf Outing to benefit the TREE Fund, August 14
  - TREE Fund After Hours, August 15
- 2016 STIHL Tour des Trees, October 9-15 from Charlotte, NC
- TCI EXPO 2016, November 10-12 in Baltimore, MD

Meet the 2016 TREE Fund leadership team. Read more about these industry leaders and dynamic volunteers on our website.

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