

Edible Trees

Planting Fruit & Nut Trees for the Community

The purpose of the Edible Trees program is to offer funding of up to \$4,000 and other resources for community-based projects that provide residents with access to fresh fruit and nut trees while making a positive difference to the Canadian environment including:

- ✓ Provide shade
- ✓ Absorb and deflect solar radiation
- ✓ Improve air quality
- ✓ Absorb and filter water
- ✓ Create habitat for wildlife

Funding is available, but not limited to, community gardening groups, community housing projects, schools, parks and arboretums. Applications are available for [download here](#).

Important Dates

All applications must be received by February 28, 2012.

Final Reports and projects must be completed by September 30, 2012.

Note: The number of projects will be based on available funding. In 2012 it is projected that approximately 15 projects will be funded.

Application Criteria

Tree Canada will consider projects that meet the following criteria:

- Increases equitable access to healthy food
- Strengthens communities by empowering neighbours to share in the harvest and care of city-grown food resources
- Benefits the local community by providing access to the trees and their fruit by the public (i.e. food banks, volunteers, community kitchens)
- Meets the needs of the community and includes creative plans for the produce grown
- Takes place within a geographic area suitable for growing fruit and nut trees
- Protects and preserves the Canadian environment
- Assists residents in understanding and participating in environmental activities in local communities.

Contributions will not be made towards the following:

- Projects on private residential property;
- Lobbying or advocacy activities;
- Projects completed before the application is reviewed;
- Projects taking place outside of Canada;
- Salaries (where salaries represent a significant proportion of the total amount requested);
- Projects that benefit individuals or businesses.

Eligible Project Costs may include:

- Site preparation
- Calliper tree(s) purchase
- Materials (guards, mulch, stakes, mycorrhizal fungal associate)
- 3-year maintenance fund
- Site supervision and assessments
- Workshop delivery

Application Evaluation

Tree Canada staff review the Edible Trees applications and make recommendations for funding support according to the established guidelines. They are evaluated on the following basis:

- **Innovation:** Demonstrated understanding of the purpose of the program and in designing a creative program that promotes innovative practice.
- **Community Involvement:** Demonstrated ability to involve the community, other not-for-profit organizations and volunteers.
- **Technical Expertise:** Demonstrated capacity that the expertise is present or can be sought to guide the applicants in its efforts. Grant recipients may be encouraged to use a portion of their funding to include an educational component.
- **Promotion:** A commitment to publicize the Program, including program partners, Tree Canada and Funders, in a variety of ways that may include a launch event, press release and reaching out to local print media.
- **Evaluation:** That a system is in place at the community level to evaluate the success of the program 3 years into the future.

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2012 APPLICATION FORM

All applications must be received by February 28, 2012. Final Reports and projects must be completed by September 30, 2012.

For office use only	
File #: _____	Date received: ___/___/___
Approved contribution: \$ _____	

All applications will be reviewed based on the information provided herein.
Applications must be submitted in digital PDF format only and shall not exceed 3,000 words.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Group Name:			
	Contact 1	Contact 2	
Name			
Title			
Telephone			
Fax			
Email			
Website			
Address			
City			
Province		Postal Code	

If this application is being submitted in collaboration with another group or organization please provide information on the collaborator. **(Please attach information of any additional collaborators on a separate sheet.)**

Collaborating Group or organization name:			
	Contact 1	Contact 2	
Name			
Title			
Telephone			
Fax			
Email			
Website			
Address			
City			
Province		Postal Code	

Amount of Funding requested: \$ _____

Authorized Signature

Date ___/___/___

Title

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Number of individuals benefitting from project:

Name of Community:

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Describe your proposed program in detail. Please explain how assistance from Tree Canada will enhance your community's access to fruit and nut trees.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Briefly describe how your community will be involved in the program.

- Are you an established environmental committee or work closely with a community environmental group?
- How are community volunteers and volunteer organizations expected to participate?
- How will the community maintain the continued interest in the project in future years?
- What educational materials / events would be developed / are planned to increase long-term public awareness in fruit and nut trees?

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Describe how you will seek the technical expertise necessary to implement your Program.

- Please provide details of personnel available, both in staff and volunteers, as well as any existing resources that would help implement your program.

PROMOTION

Describe how you intend to promote the program within the community and how Tree Canada and any program funders will be recognized for their contribution.

- Please include information on logo usage, launch events, press conference, placement of print advertisements in the local media, etc.

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FINAL REPORT AND EVALUATION

Describe how you will measure program success.

- Provide details on how the program would be evaluated for success: i.e. assessments, surveys, timeline and what you would measure. How will you share the results of your program?

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PROGRAM BUDGET

- Please provide a breakdown of all program costs. They may be summarized in the budget table below.
- In-kind contributions refer to any costs directly associated with work not paid for directly by the Municipality for this program. For example, salaries of Municipality/First Nations/BIA employees would be considered in-kind unless they had been hired specifically for this program.

EXPENDITURES	Applicant Cash Contribution	Applicant In-Kind Contribution	Other Funding Contribution	TOTAL
Inventory				
Planting				
Maintenance				
Education				
Communications				

CHECK LIST

Please ensure that your package includes

- Completed and signed application form
- Letter of support from the landowner indicating their support of this application
- Up to 5 photos (jpeg format no larger than 1MG each) that support your application (optional)

SEND YOUR COMPLETED PACKAGE TO:

By Mail:

Tree Canada
402-222 Somerset Street W.
Ottawa, ON k2P 2G3

By Email: tcf@treecanada.ca

Please indicate Edible Trees Program in the subject line

By Fax: 613-567-5270

Questions? Call 613-567-5545