

Toronto Tree Canopy Grant Program

Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation

The Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to supporting and enhancing Toronto's public park system and urban forest. The Foundation raises funds to help improve and create parks; preserve and enhance Toronto's urban forest; have more trees planted; and encourages community groups to get involved.

Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan

The City of Toronto, through Parks Forestry and Recreation and Toronto Water, has provided funding for community tree planting organizations with a proven track record of successful tree planting on private property. These funds, made available from the Water Stabilization Reserve, are being provided in order to enhance retainment of rainwater through planting trees that will reduce surface run-off. This will help reduce energy use related to water treatment, thereby contributing to the achievement of the City's climate change and clean air targets.

The Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation will administer this fund through the **Toronto Tree Canopy Grant Program**. Grants will be available for a range of project sizes. Successful groups will be notified by mid-January, 2008.

Application Criteria

There are a limited number of grants available and they will be awarded on a competitive basis. Decisions will be made based on the following criteria:

- *Applicant must be either registered with Revenue Canada as a charity or sponsored by an organization with a charitable number.*
- *Projects must take place within the City of Toronto on private lands.*
- *Proven track record of successful tree planting on private property.*
- *Ability to carry out proposed project.*
- *Identification of storm water retention benefits obtained by proceeding with the submitted project.*
- *Planting methodology and maintenance (after care) program that will ensure a*

very high survival rate of trees planted, thus ensuring the development of mature trees with extensive root systems that will help capture rainwater.

- *Programs that emphasize the planting of appropriate (and non-invasive) tree species that will grow to a significant mature size as compared to the use of smaller species will be given priority.*
- *Submissions that provide the greatest benefits to the management of storm water (including but not limited to projects that: use large species, address high survival rates and result in a high potential capacity to absorb run-off) will be given preference.*

Grants will be awarded, once application criteria has been evaluated, based on an equitable geographic distribution across the city.

A post-project report will be mandatory for each project receiving funding. Mid-project reports may also be required. Successful applicants should also be prepared to submit project documentation for a possible audit.

Application Guidelines

Proposal Deadline

Proposal must be post-marked by December 14, 2007.

Grants will be announced by 15 January, 2008.

Project Timeline

Project must be substantially completed by June 15, 2008.

Delivery

Proposals should be mailed to:

Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation
157 Adelaide Street West, Suite 123
Toronto, Ontario M5H 4E7

*Deliveries by hand, courier, e-mail or fax will **not** be accepted.*

Checklist

Application must include:

A) Proposal Cover Sheet

- Organization name, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail and web site
- CRS Charitable tax number
- Project manager and contact information (phone, e-mail)
- Project name

- Project location(s) or area
- Funding amount requested
- Total project budget

B) A proposal which includes:

- *Description of your organization including demonstrated proven track record of tree planting on private lands.*
- *Detailed description of the project for which you are requesting funds including specific project implementation methodology and tree species list.*
- *Inclusion of information and supporting documentation that addresses the items listed in the **Application Criteria** listed above.*
- *Need and/or capacity to implement project in the geographic area it is to be located.*
- *Performance Measures reflecting success/outcome expected including (but not limited to) number, size and species of trees being planted, maintenance and tree survival measurement.*
- *Name and qualifications of project lead/s.*
- *Time line for completion of project*
- *Detailed project budget (include all income sources and in-kind contributors).*

- *Identify two reputable professionals in the arboriculture or landscape fields who can provide references attesting to your group's effectiveness and success in tree planting.*

For more information please call
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