

## 2023 Vermont Fruit & Nut Tree Grant Application Questions

This grant program is a collaboration between the Vermont Garden Network (VGN) and the VT Urban & Community Forestry Program (VT UCF).

**PLEASE NOTE: This is not the application. Please review these questions and our [Granting Guide](#), [Application Checklist](#) and [Site Assessment Tool](#) prior to completing the online application.** Application deadline December 2, 2022. Questions? Contact michelle@vtgardens.org

The Vermont Fruit & Nut Tree Grant focuses on increasing access to fruit and nut trees through plantings and related education at community gardens across the state, specifically at sites serving underserved populations. Grants range from \$500-\$1,000 to fund the purchase of fruit and nut trees and related care supplies (i.e. organic fertilizer, protective fencing, Limited funding is also available for related projects to enhance the site's fruit and nut tree plantings (such as irrigation or companion plants). Grantees are asked to host a community event or outreach activity to share learning about fruit and nut trees. Grantees also receive:

- Online workshop on community fruit and nut tree planting and care
- Guidance/technical support and site visit from VGN representative, as needed

### Contact Information

- Your Name, Email, Phone and Mailing Address (for grant-related mailings)

**Garden Information** (The following information will be used for grant review purposes and to help populate VGN's online Garden Directory.)

- Garden Name
- Description of garden - i.e. garden's purpose/goals, who tends the garden, how harvest is used, special features, etc.
- Garden Address (closest physical address to your garden - for Google Maps)
- County
- Primary Garden Contact Information - name, email, phone
- Garden/Organization Website and/or Social Media
- Garden Type (Which of the following best describes your garden?):
  - Community (individual plots +/- shared space)
  - School (PreK-12, for school use only)

- School/Community (school and community use)
- Education (primary used for education, not at a school)
- Housing (for residents)
- Workplace (for employee use)
- Other
- Year Established
- Plots Available to the Public (yes/no)
- Who does your garden primarily serve?
- How many people would you estimate your garden serves?

### **Fruit & Nut Tree Plantings**

Before completing this section, please review and consider our guidance for deciding the appropriate number and types of trees for your site (Found in our [Granting Guide](#)).

- Is this your garden's first fruit and nut tree planting? (Yes/No)
- How much funding do you request (\$500-\$1,000)?
- What types of and how many trees do you want to plant? (maximum 10 trees per site)
- How will the trees be incorporated into your garden?
- What are your goals for including fruit and nut trees in the space?
- After completing the site assessment, have you made any changes about where to plant your trees or do you have any questions we can help you with?
- Who will care for your new trees?
- How will the produce from the trees be harvested, used and shared?
- Please complete a project budget narrative outlining your estimated expenses.

### **Related Project Funding**

*If you are requesting additional funding for related projects (typically \$250-\$500).*

- How much additional funding do you request for completing this project?
- Please complete a project budget narrative outlining your estimated expenses.
- What outcomes do you hope to see as a result of this additional funding? How will these outcomes support/impact your fruit and nut tree project?

### **Additional Information**

- Anything else you want us to know about your garden or fruit and nut tree project?