

Grant Preparation Guide

The Vermont Fruit & Nut Tree Grant is an opportunity presented by the Vermont Garden Network (VGN) and the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program (VT UCF). Additional funding and technical support is provided by Branch Out Burlington!. This grant aims to increase public access to fruit and nut trees across the state, particularly at sites serving underserved populations.

Grantees may receive up to \$1,200 to fund the purchase of trees (fruit & nut) and related care supplies (water gaters, protective fencing, tools, mulch, compost, organic fertilizer, etc). Funds do not cover payment for planting or caring for fruit and nut trees.

If you have any questions please reach out to our main point of contact, Angela at angela@vtgardens.org

After reviewing the following details, visit our [website](#) to apply.

Goals of the Program:

- To increase public access to fruit and nut trees across Vermont, particularly at sites serving underserved populations
- To ensure survival and proper care of trees through technical assistance, educational offerings, and resource sharing.
- To develop and share success stories and best practices for community fruit and nut tree planting, care and use.

Vermont Fruit & Nut Tree Funding Guidelines

- The intent of this program is to plant fruit and nut trees which will bear fruit within a few years. Please keep in mind the size of purchased plants as well as other guidance included in our Fruit & Nut Tree Selection Guide
- Funds can be used to purchase fruit and nut trees, shipping or delivery of fruit and nut trees if necessary, related care supplies (i.e. water gaters, protective fencing, tools, mulch, compost, organic fertilizer, etc), and community event/outreach supplies.
- Funds **do not** cover payment for planting or caring for fruit and nut trees

Granting Priorities:

- Garden project is accessible to the public and the public is able to take

part in the planting, care, and/or harvest of the fruit and nut trees.

- Garden project is located in and benefits under-reached and under-resourced community members.

Grant Timeline:

Dates	Activity
Jan 5	Grant application opens
Jan 16 & 18	FAQ meetings
Feb 16	Application deadline
March 1	Awarded grantees announced and grant agreements sent. *Funds allocated as soon as agreements are signed*
Mar-Sept	Project period
April 1	Webinar w/ Jacob Holzberg-pill on <i>Fruit & Nut Tree Planting and Care</i>
Oct 16	Final report due

What grantees receive from us:

- Funding to purchase trees (fruit & nut) and related care supplies (water gaters, protective fencing, tools, mulch, compost, organic fertilizer, etc)
- Online webinar on fruit and nut tree planting and care with Jacob Holzberg-Pill
- Site assessment, Project planning guides
- Ongoing guidance and technical support as needed
- Site visit from VGN or VT UCF representative

What we ask from grantees:

- A budget detailing how the funds will be used
- Attend online workshop
- Host a community event or engage in other community outreach to share learning about fruit and nut trees. Examples may include, an educational workshop on fruit and nut trees, a volunteer planting or tree care day, a sign painting party, tabling at a public event, or any other community-oriented idea you have. The event can be in-person or a remote learning opportunity.
- Complete a final report about your experience. In preparation for this final

report we ask that grantees track/capture the following information, including:

- number of trees planted
- number of people who volunteered for planting or ongoing care
- number of people who participated in community event.
- before and after photographs of fruit and nut tree plantings