Growing Resilience Together

TreeMobile is a project of
Transition Guelph (2011-2023)
Transition Toronto (since 2014)
Community Permaculture Lab Hamilton (since 2019)
http://www.transitiontreemobile.org/

The Edible Community Garden Grant
Spring 2026

- Are you involved in a school, faith group, community garden, or non-profit organization helping to grow your community's sustainability?
- Do you have a sunny patch of land where you can grow and nurture fruit trees, fruiting shrubs and other perennial crops?
- Are you committed to caring for these plants in the years to come?

If so, we invite you to apply for The Edible Community Garden Grant 2026.

Grant Goals

- To increase **local food security** by growing food everywhere
- To promote and assist in the planting of **community food**
- To increase the **visibility and availability** of seasonal fresh food
- To strengthen community **collaboration, knowledge and resilience** skills
- To ensure that donated plants will be **healthy and productive**

TreeMobile is a volunteer organization that sells fruit trees, shrubs and vines online at great prices. On Planting Day in early spring, TreeMobiles full of plants, compost and cheerful helpers fan out over several cities, delivering and planting. Profits from sales enable us to help urban orchards and community gardens grow even more delicious local food. TreeMobile is a self-sufficient grassroots community that sprouted up in 2011. We are proud to be one of the few such organizations that do not depend on grants; our funding is from the great people who buy our trees, and the work of our amazing volunteers. Won't you join us?

Transition Toronto is part of the global Transition Movement, a community-level solution to the problems of oil depletion, climate change, and economic instability. Transition group volunteers act to strengthen community resilience and economic vitality. Projects are initiated by members to address local needs with local resources to create richer, more vibrant, and resilient communities.

Community Permaculture Lab (CPL)'s mission is to build resilience in our communities in order to live well in the face of climate emergency, through growing connections, knowledge and application, year by year. CPL offers the Tree Mobile program in **Hamilton** to help realize the vision of a more beautiful and resilient city.

Grants Available for Spring 2026

Grants have no cash value; we supply plants only. Due to supply issues, we may not be able to supply your exact wish list, so please list substitutions. Number of awards depend upon TreeMobile sales, and quantity and quality of applications received. We are not able to provide training, please go to the Orchard People website https://orchardpeople.com for fruit tree care info.

Edible Forest Grant
Valued at $400

Choice of plants from TreeMobile's 2026 selection (incl. 5 trees)	up to $380
Delivery and planting assistance if within TreeMobile delivery zone	incl.
Tree guards and Root Rescue dip	$20

Orchard Grant
Valued at $265

Choice of plants from TreeMobile's 2026 selection (incl. 3 trees)	up to $250
Delivery and planting assistance if within TreeMobile delivery zone	incl.
Tree guards and Root Rescue dip	$15

Garden Grant
Valued at $150

Choice of plants from TreeMobile's 2026 selection (incl. 1 tree)	up to $140
Delivery and planting assistance if within TreeMobile delivery zone	incl.
Tree guards and Root Rescue dip	$10

Fedge (Food Hedge) Grant
Valued at $135

Choice of shrubs, vines and canes from our 2026 selection	up to $135
Delivery and planting assistance if within TreeMobile delivery zone	incl.

Note: *Grant availability is made possible by TreeMobile proceeds from the current year's donations and plant sales. Please spread the word to potential donors, buyers & growers! The more we sell, the more we can give and grow!*
You may also help us by volunteering to plan or plant, see website.

Application Process and Timeline Spring 2026

early 2026	Grant applications begin TreeMobile ordering begins when store opens
Monday April 20	**Grant applications close** at 5:00 pm
Thursday April 23	**Grant winners** announced Grant orders confirmed with winners
Thursday April 30	TreeMobile **Ordering closes 5:00 pm** or when sold out
Sat & Sun May 9 & 10	**Planting, Deliveries & Pickups**, see website for details

Please check website for updates, and sign up to receive news in case of any changes

Grant Applications can be downloaded from
http://www.transitiontreemobile.org/
Links to the TreeMobile site can also be found at
http://www.transitionguelph.org/
http://transitiontoronto.ning.com/

How to Apply

Please respond to the questions on the following pages. Responses should be given in the same order as given, and tagged by question number. You do not need to retype the question. All supporting materials should be clearly labeled and inserted into the document so that the submission is received **as a single PDF file** (no larger than 5MB) for easy transmission to the evaluation panel. All pages of your submission to have a footer at bottom right as follows: ECGG 2026_Group name_ page x of y

Email Grant submissions to treemobileinfo@gmail.com, using the following email title format: "ECG Grant 2026 – APPLICATION from GROUP NAME_CITY". The submission you enclose should also be labeled in the same way to avoid confusion. Submissions must be received no later than 5:00 pm on grant closing date. Late submission will not be accepted in fairness to other applicants.

Members of the evaluation committee or their affiliated groups are not eligible to receive Grants.

Questions?

treemobiletoronto@gmail.com

The Edible Community Garden Grant 2026 Application Form

1. Grant applied for:

___Edible Forest

___Orchard

___Garden

___Fedge

Please indicate highest level of grant you are applying for; it is understood that if we can not give you the larger grants you will be eligible for the smaller.

Applicant Information:

Applicants can be from anywhere, as long as you are able to pick up your plants __on Pickup Day__ (they are mostly bare root, so can't wait). Deliveries will not be made outside of the TreeMobile delivery zones posted on our site.

2. Group/Garden name:

3. Group Website or page, if applicable:

4. Background information on your group (200 words max): when started, how many members on average, problem-solving and decision making approaches, purpose of group etc. as relevant.

5. Contact #1:
Name
Title
Telephone
Email
Address
City
Postal Code

6. Contact #2:
Name
Title
Telephone
Email
Address
City
Postal Code

Basics: Location & Environment

Plants need good soil to grow healthy roots, as well as good people committed to taking care of them! Please let us know what you have - or plan to have - in place to ensure the success of your new planting, and about the people who will be responsible for it.

7. Where is the planting site? Please give address, postal code, and nearest main intersection.

8. Please include in this application a letter or email confirmation from the property owner (ie. municipality, school, church etc) saying that you have permission to plant on the property. Many community plots do not permit trees.

9. In 250 words or less, please describe your site's advantages, and explain why you think it is/would be a good location for a community orchard/garden. Make note of any constraints (eg. poor drainage) and how you plan to solve them.

10. Soil: Is there any chance the soil could be contaminated due to the site's history? Have you had any soil tests done if this is a possible concern? What do/will you use for fertility, and pest and disease control?

11. Do you envision/have any composting facility, pollinator patches, bird or pollinator shelters on site?

12. Please request a **free locate for underground services at https://ontarioonecall.ca/homeowners/. Allow a few weeks lead time for the locates to be emailed to you.** Trees should be planted at least 3 m away from any underground services and buildings. You must sign the disclaimer at the end of this Application. If your garden is in a field type setting the locate is not necessary, but you must sign the disclaimer form.

13. Sun: Is the site in full sun for at least 6 hours a day during the growing season? If not, we regret that you are not eligible for a grant that includes trees. Please consider the more shade-tolerant food plants for your site.

14. Water & Maintenance: Is there access to water for irrigation on this site? (What, where, and how many metres away). What is process for watering?

Community & Culture: Sharing and Growing

20. How do/will the community be able to engage with the orchard/garden? How will people know about it (eg. signs, newsletters, festivals)?

21. What are your plans for excess fruit harvests in a few years?

e**D**ucation: Stewardship

22. Please fill out the names and emails of the key volunteers who will be responsible for managing the fruit trees and gardens in the years to come. Orchard People has some great advice for fruit tree care if you have any questions; online courses are available. If these people are the same as the contact people, please put "same as Contact Page", but fill in the experience part.

a) Tree Steward 1:
Name:
Email:
Telephone:
Title:
Gardening experience: none limited considerable expert
Fruit Tree Experience: none limited considerable expert

b) Tree Steward 2:
Name:
Email:
Telephone:
Title:
Gardening Experience: none limited considerable expert
Fruit Tree Experience: none limited considerable expert

Envision: The Big Picture
This section is optional, though it does strengthen your submission

23. Describe your project ideal, how this grant will help you make your community more sustainable, and any plans for making this happen. Relevant images and sketches are helpful (Please ensure they are inserted within the document, not sent separately). It can range from growing your own food to changing the world; it's your vision, not ours.

Images must be your own, not from the web – unless your garden is on the web, please indicate. Some of your image submitted may be displayed on our website(s) when we announce the winners. Please make note of any images sent with your application that your group does NOT want posted.

Food Plants Wish List

26. Please list the plants you would like, in order of preference, beginning with your top picks down to nice-to-haves. Plant varieties available may be found on our website. Full list is available as a download. You may list more than the grant amount, in case we have more to give or need to substitute. (Note the minimum number of trees listed under each grant category on page 3).

Preference   Quantity   Plant Type (eg. Pear)   Variety (eg. Bartlett)

One last thing:

Please include a copy of the signed disclaimers on the next page in your submission, and review the How To Apply section on page 4.

That's it, you're done!

Spread the Word!

- Print and post lots of copies of our TreeMobile poster, available on our website.
- Tweet and send links to our site to those who may be interested in growing fruit trees at home, or who may like to volunteer with us.
- Visit the Orchard People site for great tips on planning and caring for fruit tree

Thank You!

We look forward to receiving your entries to the
Edible Community Garden Grant. Thanks to all who apply.

Good Luck & Fruitfully Yours,

The TreeMobile Team, partners, and superhero volunteers

*Please be sure to check the TreeMobile website
for announcements or updates*

The Fine Print: Disclaimers

Please sign all of the disclaimers below and include them in your submission.

i. TreeMobile bears no responsibility for any issues whatsoever with under/above ground services.

I, the undersigned, understand that I bear all responsibility for One Call locates and the safety of under/aboveground services.

X_____   x_____
        Signature   *Print name clearly*

ii. TreeMobile, its affiliates and volunteers are hereby released from any and all liability.

X_____   x_____
        Signature   *Print name clearly*

iii. TreeMobile may take photograph or film planting of awarded plants, and gardens we have assisted in establishing. These may be posted on our websites to celebrate and illustrate our activities and participants. You hereby authorize us to use any such visuals, as well as those you include with your submission for the purposes of announcing our winners and promoting TreeMobile. You, the grant applicant, hereby agree to allow us to use these images as stated above. Please be so kind as to advise us in writing of any images you do not wish to be so used.

X_____   x_____
        Signature   *Print name clearly*

iv. TreeMobile, its affiliates and volunteers pledge never to sell or distribute any of your personal information to outside parties. Your address and email will only be used internally for Grant purposes.