



Community ReGreening Program

Trees don't just make a community more sustainable, they make them healthier and more beautiful. Our Community ReGreening Program helps fund urban tree planting that's related to visual aesthetics and environmental enhancements. We pay for seedlings, medium and large trees in cities and towns across B.C. and First Nations communities.



Trees were planted at Pebble Beach in Salmon Arm to provide shade and enjoyment for the public.

Over the past two decades, BC Hydro has funded the planting of more than 300,000 trees across the province.



A program with a variety of benefits

Grants from the Community ReGreening Program help fund the planting of trees and the enhancement of ecological networks across the province. The Program also helps to ensure appropriate trees are planted around power lines.

WHY REGREENING MATTERS

- It enhances open space.
- It restores and improves urban canopies.
- It beautifies parks and outdoor recreation areas.
- It brings the community together to create natural habitats and support environmental stewardship action.
- It diversifies and enhances urban forests.



A Community ReGreening grant funded this project in Nanaimo.

What qualifies?

The grants help fund the purchase of specific, acceptable trees. Typically, we fund the purchase of trees, while the applicant will arrange for the labour and ongoing maintenance. No more than one grant can be awarded to an applicant in a given year. Funding is available for projects ranging up to \$7,500 per each community.

Funded

- ✓ Street or park trees that don't interfere with electrical equipment ([see planting near powerlines](#))
- ✓ Trees for habitat restoration or enhancement
- ✓ Shipping costs, in some cases, when appropriate

Projects are evaluated on the following criteria:

- landscaping plan including vegetation to be planted
- project profile, visibility, and community support
- multiple benefits, such as recreation, wildlife habitat, site beautification
- educational opportunities to share information about environmental benefits of trees
- site plan, land dedication, and implementation capability
- sustainability and ongoing maintenance of vegetation
- other funding and community partners involved



Thirty-four trees were planted in Rotary Park, Baker Park and on downtown streets in Cranbrook.

Who can apply?

The program is intended for small-scale community projects, and is open to all municipal governments and First Nations across the province.

Grants are to be applied for, and made directly by municipalities or community government organizations (such as band councils and regional districts). Local governments and First Nations may complete the project in any way they choose, but must be signatory to and recipient of the grant.

Based on the program requirements, we cannot accept applications for projects that:

- are not in our distribution service territory
- are already underway
- benefit an individual, private organization, or company
- are used for commercial purposes

How to apply

Local governments and First Nations across B.C. can apply by filling out the application form at the end of this brochure. We have recently updated the application process to include the following digital form that can be completed and directly emailed to ReGreening@bchydro.com. In addition to the application form, please provide the following:

- A site planting plan (can be based on civic or Google Maps)
- Letter of permission from the property owner

All applications must be received by January 31 to be eligible for funding within the same year. Successful applicants will be advised of their award amount by May.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT:

ReGreening@bchydro.com



This street tree planting project enhanced Spirit Square in Ladysmith.

Application form

Before starting your application

You must read the full eligibility criteria before starting your application. This will give you the best chance of success. Applications are only accepted during the stated intake periods. Expect to spend 15 minutes to complete the application and listed supporting documents.

Local Government or First Nation: _____

Project name: _____ Date: _____

Project location/address: _____

Name of Project coordinator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Land ownership: _____ Contact: _____

Funding is available for projects ranging up to \$7,500 per each community.

Project type: _____

Project start date: _____ Completion date: _____

Total project cost: _____

Funding request (in dollars): _____

Reason for project: _____

Project description: _____

PROPOSED TREES TO BE PLANTED:

*If planting near power lines, preference will be given to native species that meet **height restrictions**.

Plants (trees) (scientific and common)	Number	Size (cm-base)	Estimated unit cost
Total			

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OTHER PARTNERS OR SPONSORS:

Name: _____ Confirmed: _____ Date: _____
Contribution (cash or in-kind): _____
Name: _____ Confirmed: _____ Date: _____
Contribution (cash or in-kind): _____

ONGOING TREE MAINTENANCE PLAN: _____

SPONSOR RECOGNITION: (for example: plaque, newspaper, TV, website, project ceremony) _____

LIMITATIONS OR OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

The applicant:

1. will make arrangements to purchase or provide the trees and plant materials which will be planted in accordance with sound arboricultural practices
2. will provide ongoing appropriate care and maintenance for the trees and other plant materials according to sound arboricultural practices
3. will work with BC Hydro to balance the needs for treed communities and safe reliable power supply, both of which contribute to community liveability
4. will provide a report (including pictures) upon completion of the project
5. will ensure that this project is not for commercial or industrial purposes
6. will indemnify and save harmless personnel from BC Hydro from all claims, demands, losses, damages or costs of any kind including injury or death of a person or damage to or loss of property because of any willful or negligent act
7. will ensure that BC Hydro will be acknowledged for its contribution and will be invited to participate in any public announcement or dedication ceremony
8. will allow BC Hydro to publicize the project, as well as providing the opportunity to be involved with any promotion related to the project
9. agrees that the financial obligation and payment schedule is limited to that outlined in the project approval letter
10. agrees that BC Hydro's obligation to this project is concluded after a planting event and on payment of funds as outlined in the Letter of Understanding

By signing this form we agree to be bound by the terms and conditions listed above and any other conditions of assistance listed as part of the approval.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S) OF THE PROJECT:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____



Statement of power line proximity

ReGreening@bchydro.com

POWER LINE PROXIMITY PLANTING STATEMENT

Further to our application for ReGreening funding:

- I/we agree that any trees planted within five (5) metres of a power line will be a species with a maximum mature growth height of six (6) metres.

Signature – and printed name

Position and phone number

Name of organization

Address of organization