



Seeding Stewardship Fund - Grant Application

(Funded by the District of Kent through the Local Government Climate Action Program)

Purpose

The Seeding Stewardship Fund provides financial support to private property owners for natural landscaping and planting initiatives that help offset climate change. Priority is given to **planting native plants (preferably trees) that are native to British Columbia.**

Program Highlights

- **Application Dates:** Application opens **May 1st, 2026**. Application closes **August 1st, 2026**.
- **Grant Amount:** Up to 80% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$2,500 per project.**(Please see Section 3 for details on eligible costs.)*
- **Payment Schedule:**
 - Upon project approval, the applicant proceeds with the work.
 - After completion, the applicant submits proof of payment **before December 4th, 2026** (receipts/invoices)
 - The District will then reimburse up to 80% of eligible costs (up to \$2,500).
- **Eligibility:** The proposed project must:
 - Be on private property within the District of Kent.
 - Focus on native BC plant species (trees, shrubs, or other vegetation).
 - Enhance climate resilience and/or enhance local biodiversity.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Applicant or Organization:

Sharon Greenthumb

Contact Person (if different from above):

Same as above

Mailing Address:

1234 Green Lane, Faketown, BC

Phone:

555-555-5555

Email:

sgreenthumb@greenmail.com



2. Project Information

Project Title (e.g., "Native Tree Planting in [Location]"):

Native Tree Planting in My Backyard (Green Lane)

Property Address / Legal Description of Project Site:

1234 Green Lane, Faketown, BC

Project Description

(Provide a brief summary of the project objectives, key activities, and the types of native to BC plants you plan to use. Include any information on why this project is important for climate resiliency or biodiversity enhancement.)

There is an area in my backyard, near the ditch that runs along the back, that is mostly blackberries. I want to mow the blackberries, till the soil, and then plant with some large stock native trees that will eventually shade out the blackberries. This area has fairly wet soil, so I plan to use some trees that grow well elsewhere in my yard in the wet areas, including black cottonwood, western redcedar, and sitka spruce.

The trees will provide climate resiliency by pulling carbon from the atmosphere, and shading the ditch from warmer temperatures through climate change. The shaded ditch will be better fish habitat than at present, and the trees will provide habitat for invertebrates and birds.

Project Timeline

(Indicate start and end dates, or approximate schedule of activities. **Please note that planting should occur between October 1st and November 30th 2026, or alternatively planting should be accompanied by a watering plan to ensure plant survival.**)

Mowing/pulling blackberries ~October 15th. Planting complete by November 1st.



3. Budget and Funding Request*

Please outline your project budget. Indicate the total project cost and the amount you are requesting from the Seeding Stewardship Fund. Remember, the grant can cover up to 80% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$2,500. Eligible costs include direct purchase of plants, soil, mulch, or irrigation supplies. Ineligible costs include tools, wages, labour, contractor fees, or GST. Please provide cost breakdowns for individual items (e.g. 6 Douglas-Fir Saplings at \$45/sapling = \$270)

Expense Category	Estimated Cost
Plant Materials (trees/shrubs, etc.)	\$ 10 x Black Cottonwoods @ \$6 = \$60 5 x Western Redcedar @ \$25 = \$125 5 x Sitka Spruce @ \$25 = \$125
Soil, Mulch, Irrigation Supplies	10 x Beaver Guards @ \$20 = \$200
Other (please specify)	\$
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 510

Grant Amount Requested (max 80% of total estimated cost, up to \$2,500):

\$ 408

Applicant Contribution (total cost minus grant request):

\$ 102

4. Additional Information

Site Plan / Sketch

(Attach or include a simple sketch with this grant application that identifies the planting locations, any existing vegetation, and other relevant site features.)

See Attached



Maintenance Plan

(Indicate how you will maintain the plantings over time to ensure project success.)

I will periodically weedwack the blackberries while the young trees are still getting established, so they don't get taken over. If needed, I can water the trees during summer droughts to avoid drought stress.

I plan on purchasing beaver guards to avoid beaver damage.

5. Applicant Declaration

1. I/we confirm that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.
2. I/we understand that if this application is approved, I/we will be required to submit receipts/invoices as proof of expenses before receiving reimbursement.
3. I/we acknowledge that the amount of funding provided is up to 80% of the **eligible final costs, not to exceed \$2,500.**

Signature:

Sharon Greenthumb

(Applicant)

Date:

May 2nd, 2026



Submission Instructions

- **Deadlines:** (Application must be received by August 1st, 2026. If approved, project receipts must be submitted to the District by December 4th, 2026 for reimbursement.)
- **Where to Submit:** Please submit via email to Dave Charbula, Senior Environmental Coordinator, at dcharbula@kentbc.ca. Alternatively, physical grant applications can be dropped at front desk at Municipal Hall.
- **Contact Information:** Please contact Dave Charbula via dcharbula@kentbc.ca with additional questions related to your application.

Thank you for your interest in the District of Kent's Seeding Stewardship Fund! We appreciate your commitment to enhancing local biodiversity and addressing climate impacts through the planting of native species. While we consider all applications, funding will be awarded on the basis of application completeness, quality, and climate impact in the opinion of the District.

1234 Green Lane - Sketch

