

Tree For Me By The Numbers



Tree For Me
Community Events



Volunteers
Engaged



Total Funding
Awarded



Participating
Residents



Trees
Distributed



Tree Survival
Rate

Making Trees Count By The Numbers



Total Number of
Applicants



Number of
Grants Awarded



Projected Trees
Planted in 2018



Total Community
Impact Value



Projected Number
of Events



Total Funding
Awarded

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TORONTO.



At **Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation**, we believe everyone should have access to trees and the many benefits they provide.

Every Tree Counts facilitated grants stimulate community engagement in tree planting efforts, bringing people together to collaborate and share resources.

With the City of Toronto's vital support, the Foundation developed the Every Tree Counts grants to reach new constituents and encourage capacity-building within diverse and multi-sector community organizations, allowing more residents to actively participate in urban tree planting and tree care. The result is more trees in our yards, more trees in our communities, and more trees in our city.

This funding has enabled The ACCT to actively engage newcomers in the community around universal issues that transcend language and geopolitical borders: a shared love for green space and connection to the earth. Many newcomers find an area of interest where they can be active and effective participants, in turn empowering and encouraging a sense of belonging and ownership, regardless of their language skills, ultimately contributing to better settlement outcomes. - Zeena Al Hamdan, Arab Community Centre of Toronto

The Tree for Me program is a fantastic one: not only does it encourage pride of home for our local residents, but it supports the City's aim to improve the green canopy, and encourages engagement with our local residents... we've grown our membership base and sparked lively conversations about additional ways to beautify the community. - Elissa, Director, Rockcliffe-Smythe Community Association



Tree For Me is a community-powered backyard tree planting program.

Tree For Me facilitated grants support inclusive, community-based tree matching events that make it easy for Toronto residents to access no-cost native trees for their properties.

The Foundation provides eligible community organizations with grants up to \$2000, along with trees and event planning resources to host local Tree For Me events. These events are helping to increase the urban tree cover by removing barriers to accessing trees, with a special focus on Toronto's least treed neighbourhoods. Corresponding tree care workshops equip citizens to be knowledgeable and successful tree planters; the potential impact is exponential.

Tree For Me is great for:

- Residents Associations
- Cultural Centres
- Resource Centres
- Schools
- Environmental Advocacy Groups
- Community Groups
- Youth Organizations



Making Trees Count grants support tree planting projects that emphasize collaborative partnerships, inclusive community engagement, and detailed tracking and reporting.

Eligible organizations are encouraged to imagine tree planting and tree care projects which will have a sustainable and meaningful impact for residents across the City. For the first round in Fall 2017, application requests totalled nearly \$1.4 million, and the Foundation is pleased to have awarded \$380,000 in support. The next granting round is scheduled for Spring 2018.

2017 Making Trees Count Grant Recipients

- Highway of Heroes
- Park People/LEAF
- Green Thumbs Growing Kids
- The Arab Community Centre of Toronto
- Glen Park School Council
- Agincourt Community Services Association
- Black Creek Community Farm