

Urban Forest Fund Application Form: Community greening 2026 (second intake)

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Overview

Urban Forest Fund Grants Program 2026

City of Melbourne invites applicants to apply for a matched-funding grant from the [Urban Forest Fund](#). The Urban Forest Fund provides financial support to new greening projects in the City of Melbourne.

This is the application form for stream 2 - community greening.

The application should take approximately 1 to 2 hours to complete. The first section of the form relates to eligibility, followed by questions to help us score your project against other applications, and finally you will have the opportunity to upload supporting information and documentation.

Please view the [2026 Grant Application Guidelines](#) when completing your application.

Reminder - Please frequently save your application form as it will not save automatically. You can do this by clicking the 'Save' button in the top or bottom of your page.

Key information for stream 2 - community greening

- Applications open Monday 27 July 2026 (5.00 pm)
- Applications close Wednesday 30 September 2026 (5.00 pm)
- Matched-funding grant amount: Up to \$10,000.

Deadlines

Applications must be submitted no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 30 September 2026. The online application system (SmartyGrants) will close at this time, preventing late submissions. To ensure fairness for all applicants, no extensions will be granted beyond this time. We strongly encourage you to submit your application well before the cut off time to allow extra time for any submission complications.

Please note that late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Contact details

Urban Forest Fund Team

Phone number: 9658 9658

Email: urbanforestfund@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Eligibility: stream 2 - community greening

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Applicants: please note

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Throughout this application you will have the opportunity to upload supporting documentation.

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This section of the application form helps us to determine if you are eligible for an Urban Forest Fund grant. If you are unsure if your project is eligible, please read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#). You can also contact us via email at urbanforestfund@melbourne.vic.gov.au.

Confirmation of eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a Urban Forest Fund grant under stream 2 - community greening, your greening project must:

- be located within the [City of Melbourne municipal area](#)
- be primarily focused on greening
- be completed by 31 July 2027
- have demonstrated environmental and / or community benefits
- have a long-term maintenance plan
- be publicly accessible or visible to many people
- be located on private land or approved public land.

Please note:

'Private land' refers to land not owned or managed by City of Melbourne. This land must either be owned by the applicant, or, where greening is to take place on private property not owned by the applicant, written consent from the property owner is required.

'Approved public land' refers to registered gardens covered by the [Garden City Community Guidelines](#), as well as gardens with a [Greening Melbourne permit](#) or [Street Garden permit](#).

Are all of the above statements true and correct? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Contact details

* indicates a required field

Privacy notice

City of Melbourne pledges to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. View our [Information Privacy Policy](#).

Primary contact person *

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary phone number *

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Contact person's email address *

Must be an email address. This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Applicant organisation name (if relevant)

Organisation Name

Use this field only if relevant. Please use your organisation's full name - check your spelling and make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ATO.

Australian Business Number (ABN) (if relevant)

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Please note that if your grant application is successful, a registered ABN will be required to receive the payment. Register here for an [ABN](#).

Position held in organisation (if relevant)

e.g. Manager, Board Member, Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary (physical) address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

If your organisation operates in multiple locations or from multiple offices, please pick one as your primary address.

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Postal address

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Applicant website (if relevant)

Must be a URL.

Project details

* indicates a required field

Project overview

Project title *

Address where project is to take place *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Must be an Australian postcode.

Must be within The City of Melbourne.

Your project must be located within the City of Melbourne municipal area. Is your project located within this area? *

☐ yes

☐ no

See this map of [the City of Melbourne municipal area](#).

What type of land is your greening project taking place on? *

☐ Private land (land not owned or managed by City of Melbourne e.g. residential communal spaces, private laneways)

☐ Public land (City of Melbourne managed land e.g. footpath, nature strip or tree plot)

☐ Both private and public land

If you are unsure, please read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#) or reach out to the Urban Forest Fund team to confirm eligibility before applying.

What type of greening is in your project? *

☐ Infill garden bed plantings

☐ Garden/courtyard/landscaped area

☐ Specifically designed biodiversity elements

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- ☐ Urban agriculture/vegetable patch/compost bins
- ☐ Containerised plantings (e.g. pots and planters)
- ☐ Laneway greening
- ☐ Front garden plantings
- ☐ Greening Melbourne permit street greening
- ☐ Street garden permit greening
- ☐ Green roof
- ☐ Green wall
- ☐ Green facade (climbing plants)
- ☐ Tree planting
- ☐ Water Sensitive Urban Design components (e.g. raingarden, water tank, passive irrigation)
- ☐ Nature strip plantings
- ☐ Tree plots plantings
- ☐ Other:

Please tick all that apply.

Please provide a brief overview of your project: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Use the following questions to frame your response: What type of greening does your project include? What do you want to achieve? How will your project increase greening? This question is not scored, but will provide the panel with an understanding of your project. You will have further opportunities to provide more detail in later questions. This information may be used in public announcements and communication material.

Greening on private land

For projects on private property, applications will only be considered with consent of the property owner. Do you own the property where the project will be constructed, or do you have written consent for the project from the building owner? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please upload written evidence of ownership or consent: *

Attach a file:

For example, a recent rates notice in the applicant's name or a signed letter of consent from the owner.

Greening on public land

You have selected that your project is proposed to take place on public land in the City of Melbourne.

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You can apply for an Urban Forest Fund grant for a project that is on a City of Melbourne street, including in nature strips, tree plots and on footpaths, however, you must make sure you have relevant permits or registrations to be eligible to apply.

Under which City of Melbourne community greening pathway does your project fit? *

- ☐ Registered garden covered by Garden City Community Guidelines (in-ground plantings in nature strips or tree plots, or temporary pots and planters on footpaths, anywhere outside the CBD)
- ☐ Greening Melbourne permit (temporary footpath or laneway greening in the CBD or green walls and facades)
- ☐ Street Garden permit (raised planter boxes in a median strip or nature strip, anywhere within the City of Melbourne municipality)

For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

Permits for greening

If you're located in the CBD and interested in creating a temporary garden along a footpath, laneway or building façade, you'll need a [Greening Melbourne permit](#).

Gardens with edible plants cannot be planted in-ground and require raised planters on median or nature strips. For these, you'll need a [Street Garden permit](#).

Please provide your Greening Melbourne or Street Garden permit number. *

Current Greening Melbourne and Street Garden permit holders are eligible to apply for a matched-funding grant under the community grant stream. For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

Garden City Community Guidelines

Our [Garden City Community Guidelines](#) are designed to help you create gardens in local streets or laneways without needing a permit. They apply to nature strips, tree plots and pots and planters on footpaths in neighbourhoods outside the central city.

To be eligible for a grant for this type of greening, you must make sure you [register your garden](#) on the City of Melbourne website.

Have you registered your garden on our website? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

To be eligible for a grant for this type of greening, you must make sure you [register your garden](#) on the City of Melbourne website.

What name is your garden registered as? If you haven't yet registered, please ensure you use the same name as the project title provided in this application. *

Project timing

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To be eligible, the greening component of your project must be completed construction by 31 July 2027.

Anticipated start date

Must be a date and no earlier than 1/11/2026.
If you are not sure, please pick an approximate date or click 'unknown' below.

☐ Unknown

Anticipated end date

Must be a date and no later than 31/7/2027.
If you are not sure, please pick an approximate date or click 'unknown' below.

☐ Unknown

Project plan

Please provide a brief project plan for your greening project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

This includes information about the site, planting plan, how the garden will be maintained, who will be delivering the project, and your project costs and timelines. For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

Please upload a site plan and plant schedule *

Attach a file:

The site plan should show new and existing garden bed areas, proposed plant and tree locations, and any other relevant site information. The plant schedule should list of the plants that will be included in your project and their quantities. For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#)

Please upload a current photo of your proposed project site. *

Attach a file:

You are required to submit at least one photo of your site before the greening takes place. You can upload up to 5 photos.

We expect projects to be “shovel-ready”, meaning they can be constructed or planted soon after being funded. Please confirm that you have checked that your greening project is feasible. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

You are expected to have checked the feasibility to deliver your project before applying. This may include having permits in place, checking structural load capacity if building on existing structure, and checking underground infrastructure before planting ('[Before You Dig](#)' service). As part of the assessment process, we may seek further information.

Your project must have a clear plan for long-term maintenance. Please detail your plan for maintenance. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Your project must have a clear plan for long-term maintenance.

Green cover

Please provide a description of how green cover will be increased on your project site. What is the estimated total amount of green cover (horizontal and vertical) you expect your project to achieve? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

For more information on how to estimate green cover see the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

Please describe any environmental or community benefits that your project will provide. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

Is your project publicly accessible or visible to others? *

- ☐ yes
☐ no

For more information read the [Urban Forest Fund 2026 Grant Guidelines](#).

This grant supports projects that are publicly accessible or visible to others. Please describe how your project meets this. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Examples: residential communal area, visible front garden, nature strip planting, temporary greening on footpath.

Additional information and supporting documentation

* indicates a required field

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Project costs

Please provide itemised costings for your project below:

Expenditure	\$
For example: plants, irrigation, planter boxes, mulch, etc.	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Requested funding

What is your total project cost? *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

What is your total funding request? *

Please note: Under stream 2 - community greening, applicants can apply for matched-funding grants up to \$10,000. For example, if your total project cost is \$1,000 you can apply for \$500 from the Urban Forest Fund. If your total project cost is \$20,000 you can apply for an Urban Forest Fund grant of up to \$10,000.

Additional documentation

You're welcome to upload any further documentation to support your application.

Attach a file:

Please note: a maximum of five (5) documents can be attached.

Certification and feedback

* indicates a required field

Certification

As the applicant, or on behalf of the applicant, I/we certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name *

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Date *

Must be a date

Applicant Feedback

You are now at the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback:

Please indicate how you found the online application process:

☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes

Please provide any feedback on the 2026 application process and form:

How did you hear about the Urban Forest Fund program?