



The Student Environment Centre

Student Resource Group
University of British Columbia

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Eco-Initiatives Form: \$100-\$500

Name(s): Martin Anevich

Club or Group Affiliation: Fruit tree pruning and food security

Name of Project (if applicable): Fruit tree pruning

1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

The purpose of this project, is to prune fruit trees. As part of a directed study in human geography, I have secured an internship with the Vancouver Fruit Tree Project whose mandate is to collect and use fruit as working towards food security. What I am doing is pruning dormant fruit trees which encourages the overall health, and helps them to make more productive and sustainable yields of fruit. This simple task of maintaining trees thus becomes situated in a larger web urban social relations, surrounding food politics.

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?

Every year 60, 000 pounds of fruit go un-used in our city. The Vancouver Fruit Tree Project is an organization that connects those who have excess fruit on their properties with those who have the time, energy and resources to harvest it (volunteers who are often UBC students). Its mandate as an organization is to address issues of social, environmental and economic sustainability through the sharing of food. Fruit becomes the loci at which community building mobilizes to provide education and nutrition to alleviate poverty and hunger in our community while providing stewardship for urban ecology. Also the VFTP articulates itself as mitigating the reliance upon global food markets, hence quelling carbon emissions and subverting the commodification of necessities of life. In pruning, I am directly contributing to expanding the possibility for these relationships to grow.

Another aspect of this course is forming relationships across UBC campus. I am being supervised by Douglas Justice at the Botanical Gardens and have an opportunity to work on the orchards at the UBC Farm. These partnerships link this course directly to the UBC community through food production , and the applied/lived practice of project based learning.

3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)

I have not found any other sources of funding for this project.

4. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for?

All I am requesting is two tools

Felco model #7 hand pruners:	\$ 59.99
And a all purpose pruning saw:	\$35 dollars

Best prices found from consulting 4 garden/hardware stores
Quoted at Lee Valley Tools (604 261 2262)

5. What is the dollar amount you are requesting from the SEC?

Already answered above

95\$ + tax

Signed (Your Name):

SEC Treasurer

Name:

Signature:

SEC Chair

Name:

Signature:

A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers.

Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to enviro@ams.ubc.ca. Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. You may also mail us the form, though this may result in delays in processing. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.