



# MOUNT PLEASANT, LITTLE MOUNTAIN

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## Application Form



Vancouver Foundation and its Neighbourhood Small Grants partners are looking for small but powerful ideas from Metro Vancouver residents to bring people together and help make your neighbourhood more connected and vibrant.

Your proposal needs to meet our funding criteria and must benefit your neighbourhood. For information on eligibility and criteria, please see the [Before You Apply](#) page.

## How to Apply

Applications must be submitted to your local Neighbourhood House or community centre. Check the [Neighbourhood Small Grants map](#) to find out where you can apply.

*If you live in an overlapping boundary area, you can apply at any of the Neighbourhood Houses or community centres listed in the area.*

For any questions about the application process, please contact the Program Coordinator for your area. Contact information can be found on the Neighbourhood Small Grants web page for your Metro Vancouver neighbourhood.

**The deadline to apply is March 31, 2013.**

## About You

( \* mandatory)

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## Your Project

**Name of your project or event \***

Community Composting Demonstration

**Proposed Date(s) for your project or event \***

Starting into full operation in June 2013, and ongoing without end

Please note that all projects must be completed by November 30, 2013.

**Please Describe Your Project**

The Cambie Village sub-neighbourhood bounded by Cambie and Ash Streets and 16th and 18th Avenues intends to purchase and operate a large dual drum-style composter to be placed in a parking and trash collection lot behind several local businesses off Tupper Lane.

Both the 240 residents in this three-block area and 4 immediately adjacent restaurants intend to divert into this highly-sustainable, zero carbon-footprint waste facility a significant portion of their organic kitchen scraps, estimated at 8 tonnes annually and amounting to 30% of the total volume of generated solid waste in the area.

The success of the City of Vancouver neighbourhood organic garbage pickup in the Riley Park neighbourhood indicates that there is broad support for such household trash diversion measures. Program participant complaints relating to the limited single weekly pick-up opportunity along with City plans to shift to fortnightly garbage pickup suggest that a local composting facility would be both highly popular and well used; organic waste, especially in warmer seasons, is difficult to store in or outside one's house or apartment. A two-minute-or-less walk to this well-lit facility for all roughly 240 residents in this catchment area--which requires crossing no major streets for anyone--will increase the likelihood that both young and old will easily be able to access the facility at any time of day or night.

The high-quality, off-ground and fully animal-secure style of composter selected for this project will reduce the level of odours from and animal incursions into the three dumpsters currently at the site.

We expect in time that this single two-chamber composter will need to be augmented by a second similar device in order to handle all of the potential kitchen waste in the immediate

area, and the Village Vancouver Transition Society is willing to co-fund the expansion of this facility as needed and if this demonstration project is successful.

**How many people will help organize this project**

15 local Village Vancouver members

**How many people will be involved in or directly benefit from your project**

240 residents, and 4 businesses

**Who will be involved or participate in this project? (i.e. families, youth, seniors, residents of a specific neighbourhood block)**

The 95 households in the 150-meter radius catchment area--including two larger apartment buildings--are the primary user target group, for both organic garbage deposits and withdrawals of highly-nutritive gardening soil. The four adjacent restaurants also expect to be able to divert a significant quantity of their food scrap waste, and in time might be able to downsize their combined waste bin and/or stretch out its collection interval, saving both money and fuel and also decreasing the bin's noxious odour. It is unclear which group will provide the greatest amount of input waste, and this project will survey users to estimate the diversion split as well as measure the totals of both deposits and withdrawals.

The site is also just four blocks from the Edith Cavell Elementary School and will be a demonstration neighbourhood asset of pedagogical value in their new sustainable living programs.

**How much money will you need? (Maximum of \$1000 available.)**

\$800

**Please provide a list of expenses for this project. (How will you spend the grant money?)**

The primary cost will be a Jora 400 Two Chamber Continuous Composter, or equivalent, which has a 400 litre capacity and measured continuous throughout of 80 litres of waste per week (slightly higher in summer than winter). \$595 plus \$140 shipping and available here: <http://www.compostmania.com/Oversized-Two-Bin-Hot-Komposter>

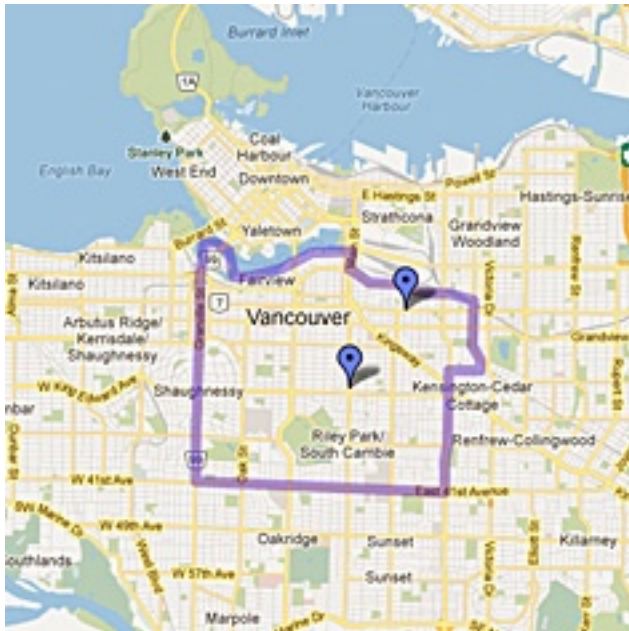
In addition, we will have to lock the bin to a fence-post in the parking lot. Heavy chain and padlock - \$25.

We will custom-design a permanent educational and instructional sign to be mounted to the adjacent chain-link fence. Signage Fabrication \$35.

Outreach and periodic training sessions will be organized and funded by members of the 'Main Street Neighbourhood' of Village Vancouver

**How did you hear about the Neighbourhood Small Grants program? \***

- My Neighbourhood House/community centre
- Poster / Brochure
- Website
- Social Media
- NSG Resident Advisory Committee Member
- X Staff at neighbourhood house / organization
- Newspaper
- Other



*The Mount Pleasant and Little Mountain boundary is along Granville Street, including Granville Island, along the waterfront, down Main St. to Great Northern Way, to Commercial Drive, 20th Avenue to Knight Street, and along 41st Avenue.*

[VIEW IN GOOGLE MAPS »](#)

## LOCAL SCHEDULE

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 31st, 2013

#### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED:

November 30th, 2013

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