



Santa Clara
CITY LIBRARY

SEED & SHARE



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What is the Santa Clara City Library Seed Share?

The SCCL Seed Share is a collection of vegetable, herb and flower seeds which patrons can take for free and grow in their gardens. If the plants produce well, patrons are encouraged to save some seeds and return them to the collection.

What are the short-term goals?

- Provide access to free seeds
- Learn gardening skills
- Save diverse, locally adapted seeds



What are the desired outcomes?

- Increase food security
- Promote biodiversity
- Teach sustainable practices
- Build community connections

Obtain



Purchased & Donated



Package



Distribute



Tracking



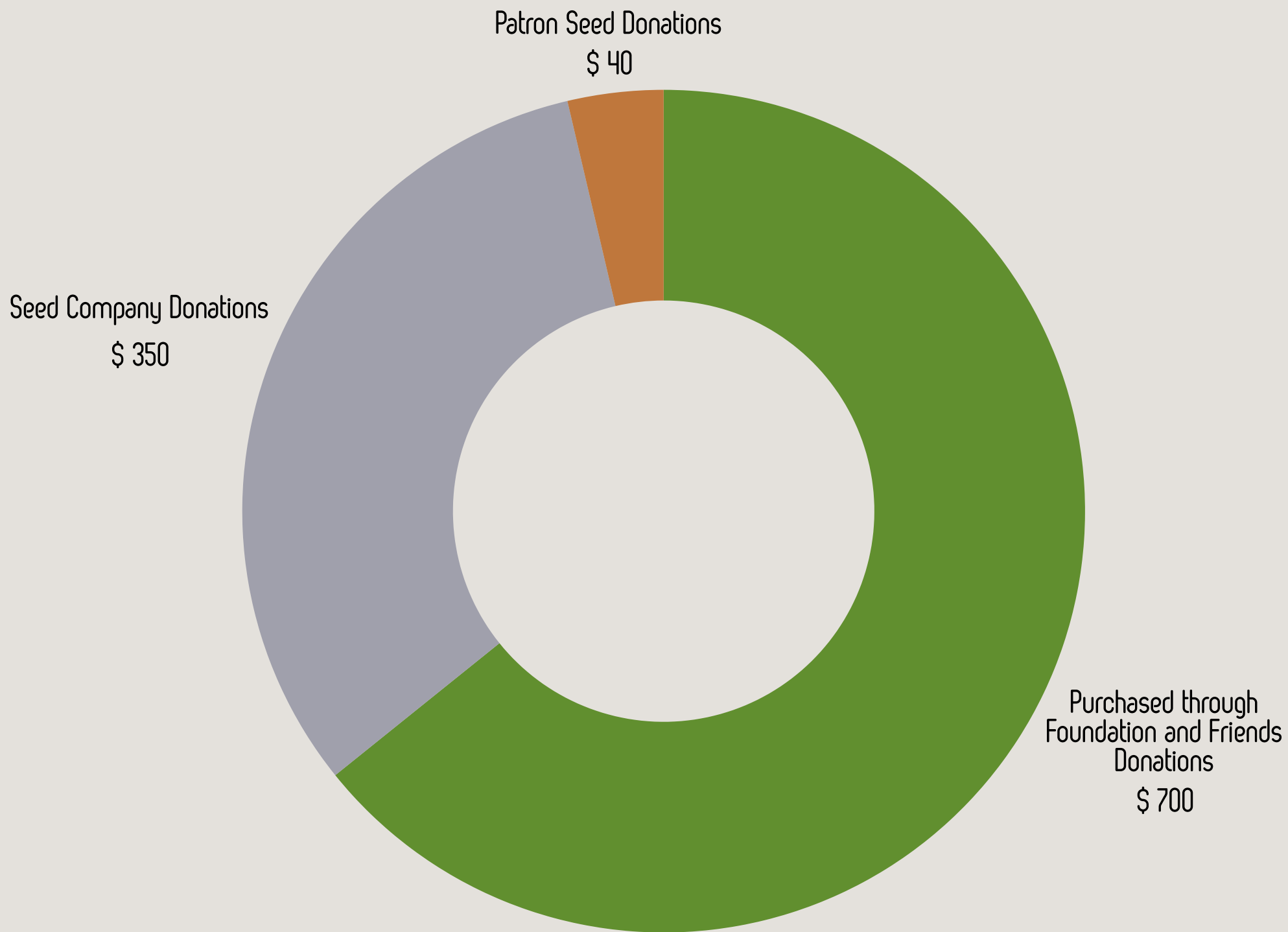
Logistics



Where Do The Seeds Come From?

Seeds come from three places:

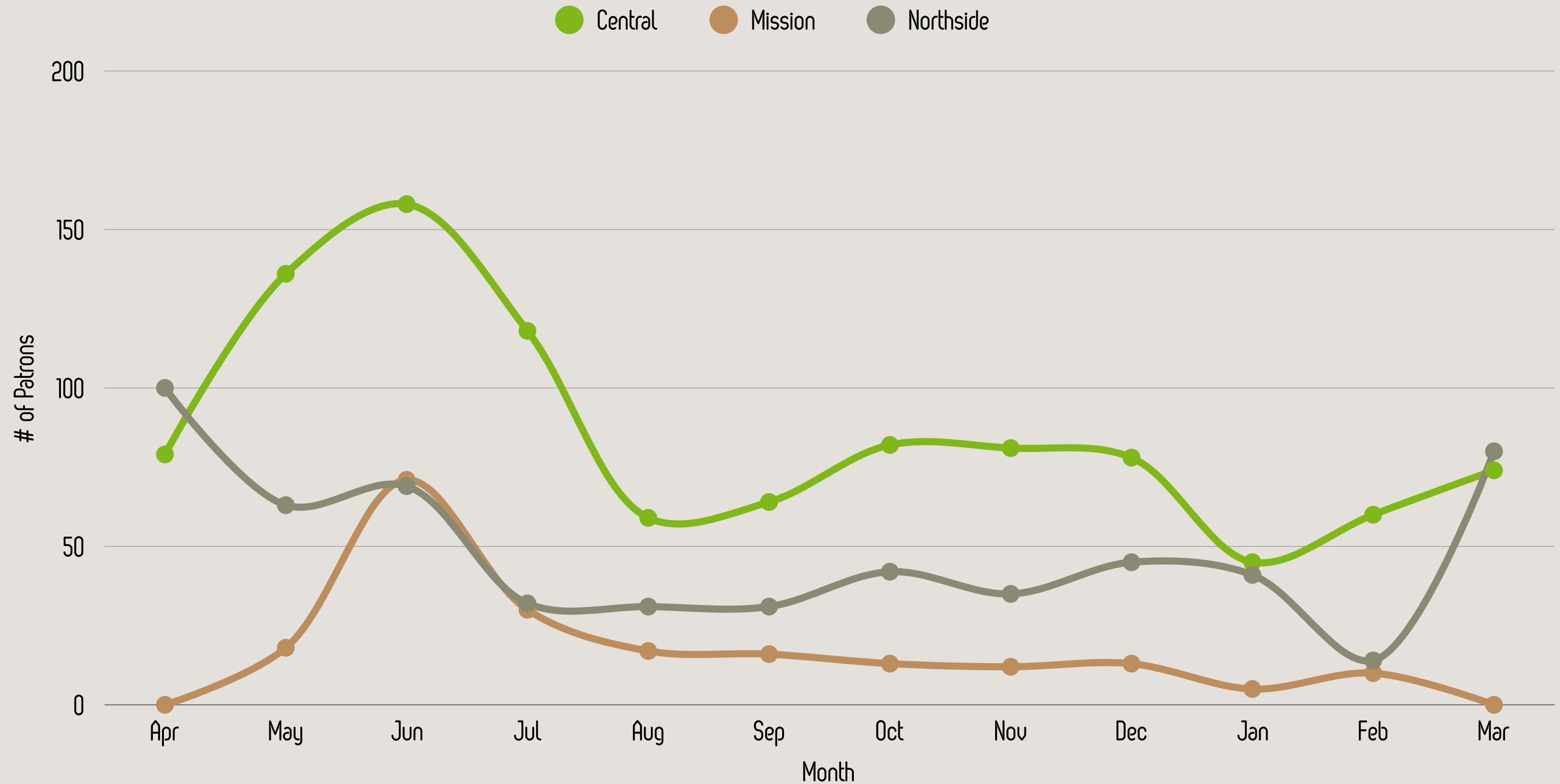
- Patrons donating their seeds (4%)
- Purchasing seeds through a monetary donation to the Foundation and Friends (64%)
- Asking seed companies to send us expired or unwanted seeds. (32%)
Volunteers are used to individually package seeds and track usage.
Jars, envelopes, labels, & spoons are purchased through the technical services department for \$200 a year.



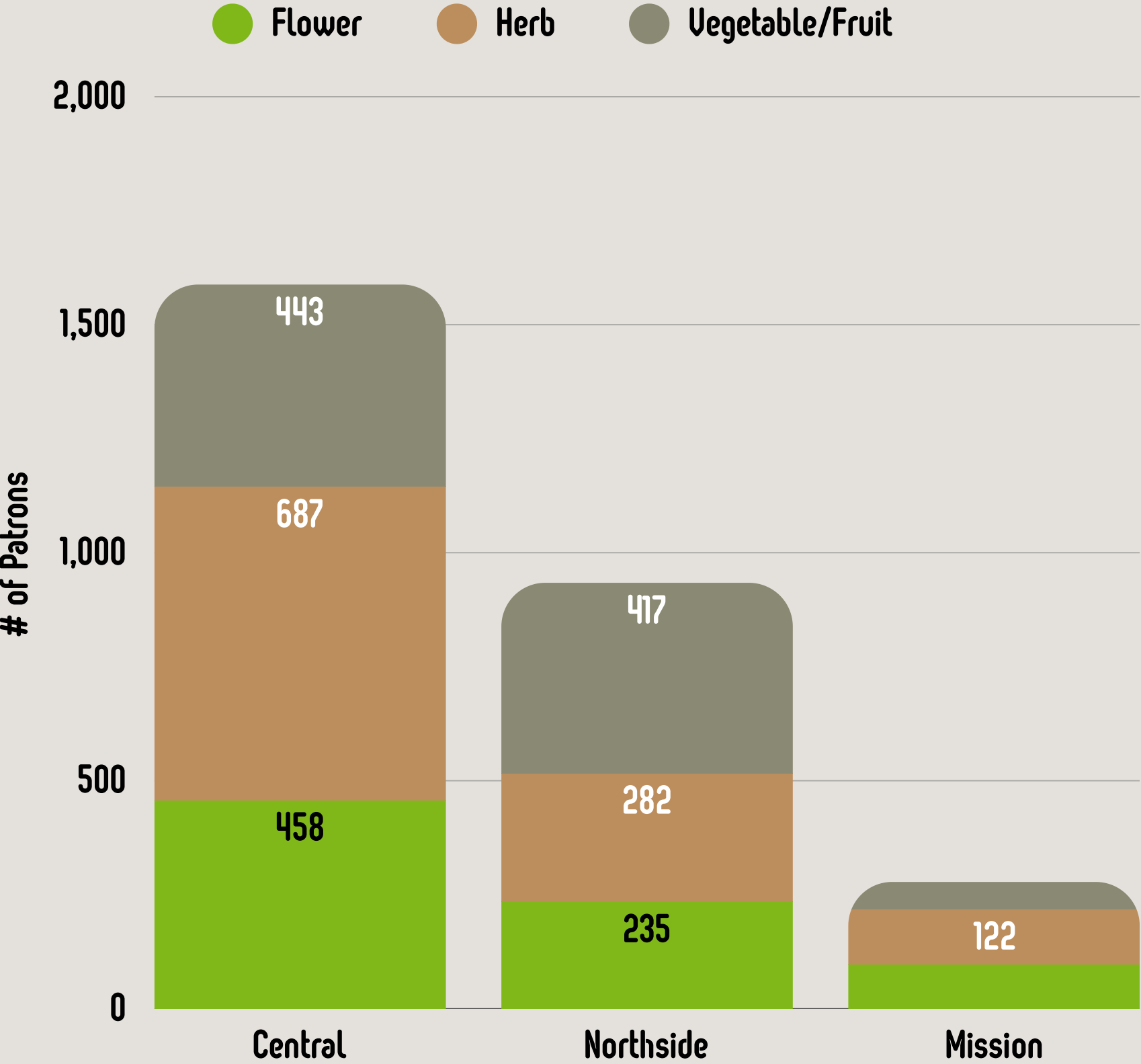
The Seed Share annual budget is approximately \$1,300 per year.

Patron Usage Apr 2025 to March 2026

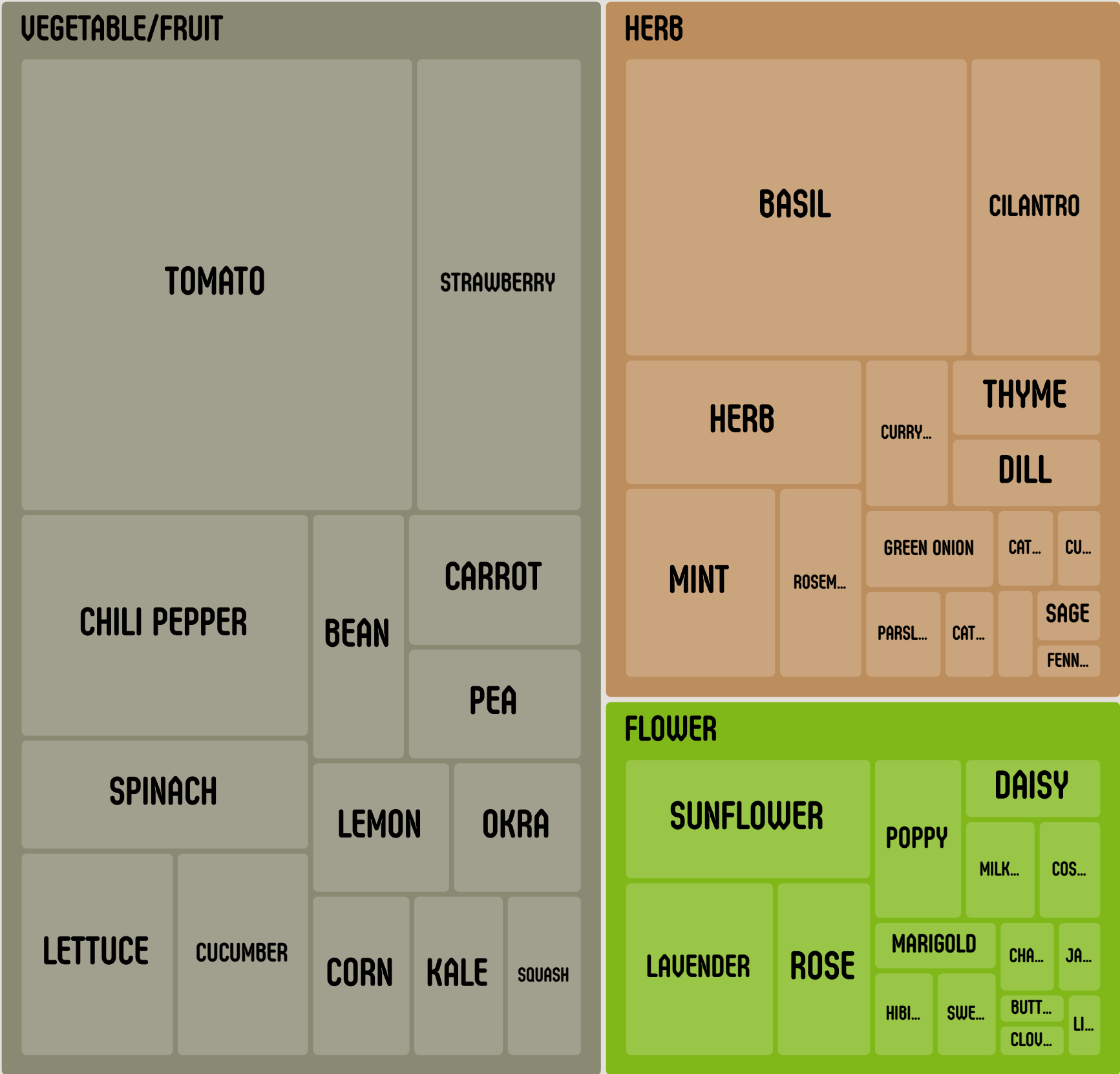
1,686 Patrons in total



Usage by Seed Type and Location
1,822 Patrons Total



Requests by Type
1,173 Requests Total



Feedback

Thanks! I love all the different seeds from the library - they've made my little garden so much prettier.

This is amazing, thank you!!!

excited to see results

I love this very cute concept

Awesome program thank you!

It's wonderful to have seeds available so people can grow them at home—thank you!

Thank you for the seeds!

Love this so much!

Great initiative. I will try to contribute as well

Seed Share By Location



Northside Branch



Mission Branch



Bookmobile



Central Park



Partnerships



Master Gardeners



Parks and Recreation



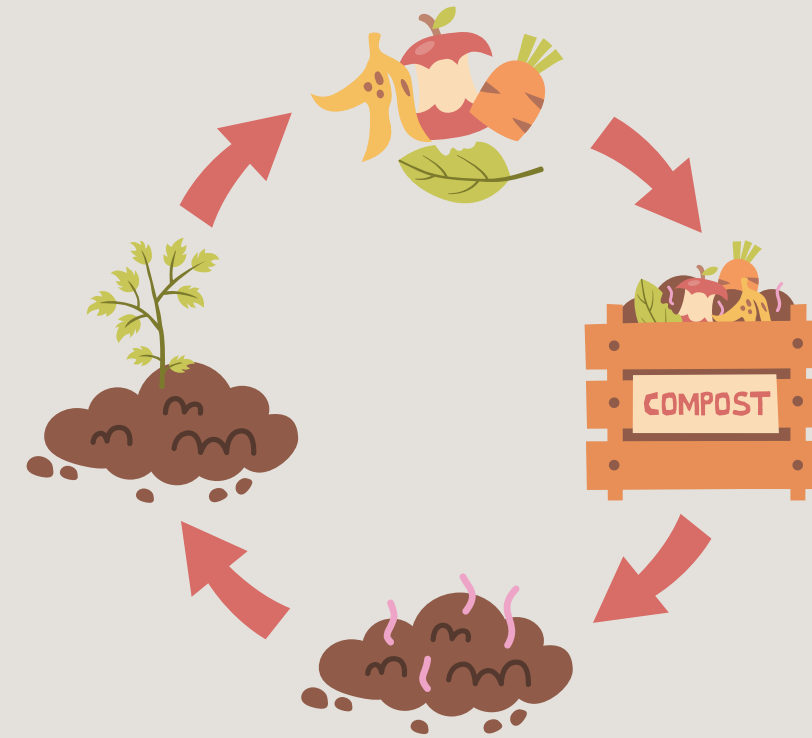
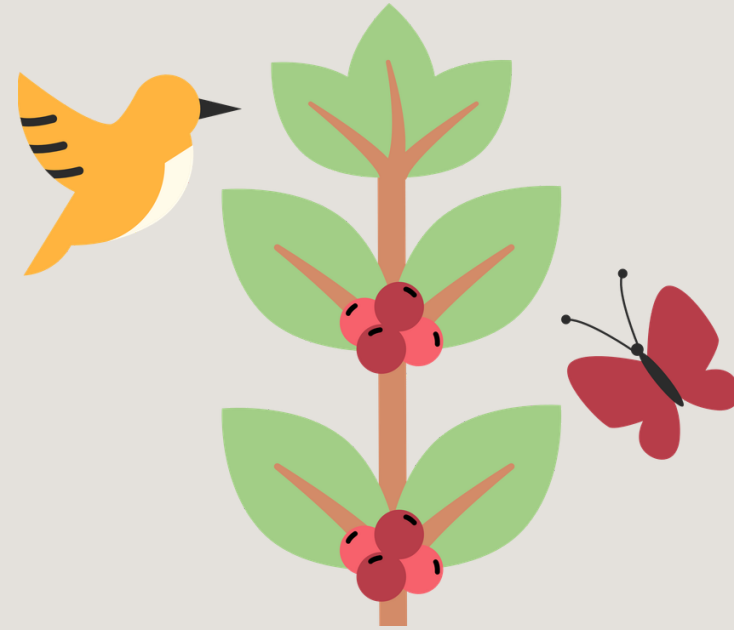
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Future Endeavors

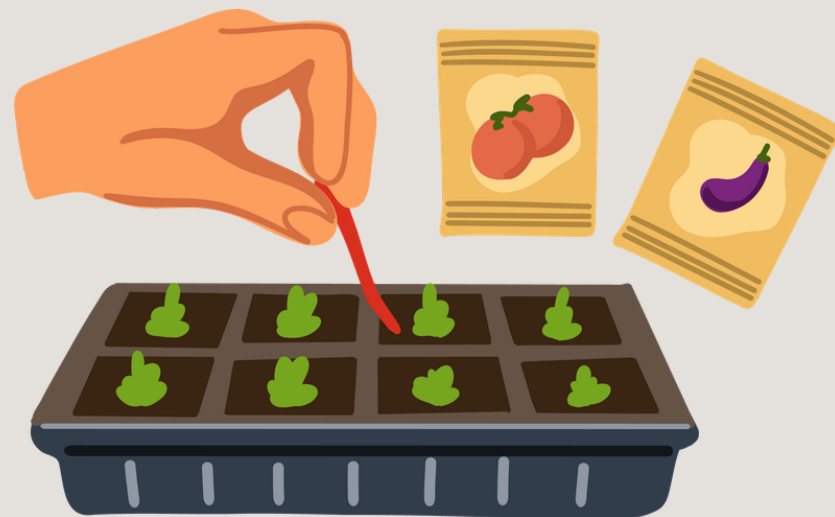
Native Garden

- Promotes sustainability and learning opportunities
- Replaces decorative plants with environmentally friendly
- Easy to maintain



Composting Area

- Highly requested by patrons
- Promotes sustainability and learning opportunities
- Parks and Recreation provides free compost at their community gardens



Seedling Share

- Potential funding idea and future seed supply
- Good way to pair Seed Share with library programming

Gardening Program Series

- Planning/ implementation in process with Girls Scouts
- Good way to pair Seed Share with library programming



Want To Help?

- Invest in seed funding
- Contribute seed donations
- Encourage volunteer support
- Connect us with community partners



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