

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program 2012 Grant Recipients

Ten environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2012 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to \$5,000 in the 2012 annual Environmental Initiatives Grant Program. The Environmental Initiatives Grant Program was made possible by funding received from City of St. Albert to assist community groups in defraying costs associated with environmental projects and programs that are supportive of the City of St. Albert's environmental policy, plans, or practices.

2012 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 10 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$92.40 to \$5,000 for each project
- Total grant amount of \$22,219.90
- Applications and grant recipients were from local schools, a post-secondary institution, and community environmental groups.

To be *eligible applicants* had to be a federally or provincially registered non-profit society or charitable organization operating in St. Albert; a school located in St. Albert; or a community group of two or more St. Albert citizens who have come together for the purpose of undertaking an eligible project.

The *eligible project* had to demonstrate environmental benefits or improvements and is consistent with City policies, and may include:

1. community environmental education projects;
2. open space and natural area enhancement projects;
3. natural spaces reclamation projects;
4. waste reduction projects;
5. wildlife or biodiversity-oriented projects;
6. land, air and/or water quality preservation and/or enhancement;
7. environmental demonstration projects using innovative technologies;
8. environmental projects that demonstrate local, regional or provincial leadership;
9. environmental communications and public awareness facilitation projects;
10. environmental monitoring or inventory projects; or
11. other environmental projects in keeping with City policies.

Congratulations to the following recipients!

Organization/Group	Project Funding	Grant Amount
<i>Elmer S. Gish School</i>	to replace a grassed area with a native plant Naturescape including bird and bat houses for educational purposes.	\$2,600.00

<i>Elmer S. Gish School</i>	to help fund the purchase of recycling bins for classrooms to help encourage paper recycling.	\$92.40
<i>Bellerose High School EcoAction (Environmental Club)</i>	to contribute to the Bellerose Legacy Project by providing funding for the purchase of native tree and shrub species for planting in Lacombe Park to help naturalize the area while leaving a lasting legacy from the graduating students.	\$1,000.00
<i>Albert Lacombe Green Thumb Gardeners (Environmental Group)</i>	to purchase starter kits for an indoor garden project that will then be transplanted to the outdoor Earthboxes which are harvested at the end of the season to create soup and salad for the students.	\$1,105.00
<i>Paul Kane High School Social Justice League (Environmental Club)</i>	to purchase a water bottle easy-fill water fountain station that will encourage the use of tap water.	\$2,000.00
<i>St. Albert Catholic High School (Environmental Club)</i>	to contribute to the Leaving a Legacy program by providing funding for the purchase of native trees and shrubs for planting along the Sturgeon River to both leave a legacy for the graduating students and provide naturalization for the river's edge.	\$2,322.50
<i>J. J. Nearing Team Green (Environmental Club)</i>	to fund the Grade Six leadership team in visiting other St. Albert schools to promote the curbside organics program which they piloted last year.	\$1,500.00
<i>Sturgeon River Research Project (NAIT)</i>	to fund a pilot project for NAIT to work alongside three St. Albert high schools to investigate the first year establishment rate of native plants planted in numerous City of St. Albert 2012 naturalization projects.	\$4,800.00

<i>École Muriel Martin</i>	to fund the completion of the outdoor community classroom by constructing a greenhouse, three raised vegetable gardens, native plant species, and wildlife shelters (bird and bat houses).	\$5,000.00
<i>Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School</i>	to purchase supplies to grow vegetables indoors and funds to purchase EarthBoxes for an outdoor raised garden.	\$1,800.00