

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program 2011 Grant Recipients

Twelve environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2011 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to \$5,000 in the 2011 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.

2011 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 12 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$350 to \$7,100 for each project
- Total grant amount of \$27,552.50
- Applications and grant recipients were from six community schools (includes two from same school but different group), one church and three community groups and one post secondary institution.

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
St. Albert Catholic High School (SACHS)	To purchase two Pedal-A-Watt bicycle stands which convert a bicycle into a stationary bike and uses pedal power to generate energy that can be stored in a power pack.	\$3,600
SACHS Party Green (Environmental Group)	To purchase seedlings for each 2012 high school grad student for naturalization project along the Sturgeon River to commemorate the graduating class.	\$2,322
St. Albert Botanic Park	To replace tractor used to move organic material for composting and cultivate decomposed material into gardens.	\$2,500
Wild Rose Elementary School	To purchase native trees and perennials and greenhouse supplies for an outdoor community classroom.	\$4,200
Girl Guides of Canada (Fireside District)	To purchase 350 native plants for a naturalization project along Lacombe Park Lake walkway.	\$1,350

Bellerose Composite High School	To purchase native plants for the continuation of the naturalization of Lacombe Park Lake walkway initiative in 2010 by the school's environment club.	\$950
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)	To support student lead project to assess the biodiversity and riparian health of Carrot Creek.	\$7,188*
J J Nearing Catholic Elementary School	For the implementation of school wide curbside composting program.	\$1575
Societe des Parents de l'ecole Alexandre-Tache	To purchase native trees and shrubs for a school naturalization project	\$1,200
Christian Reformed Church	To support the expansion of a community garden on church property.	\$1,248
Albert Lacombe School	For the implementation of the Seeds to Salad/Soup program, designed to educate grade 4 students on plant growth.	\$1,069
St. Albert Nature Study Group	Support the Christmas Bird Count, a community program that surveys birds in the areas around St. Albert.	\$350

*Funding recommendations over \$5,000 requires City Council approval