

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program 2010 Grant Recipients

Seven 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 2010 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.

2010 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- Seven applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$350 to \$12,500 for each project
- Total grant amount of \$25,956.25
- Applications and grant recipients were from two community schools, two churches and three community 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
River Edge Enhancement Project (REEP)	To assist with program evaluation, updating the REEP Report and purchase trees and shrubs for the 2011 planting event	\$5,000
St. Albert United Church	To assist with the installation of a solar panel system on the church building	\$12,500*
Albert Lacombe School	For the implementation of the Seed to Salad/Soup program, designed to educate students on plant growth	\$683.25
Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	Support for Clean Up the Sturgeon event, including biodegradable bags and advertising	\$1,500
Bellerose Composite High School EcoAction Club	To purchase 150 native plants for a naturalization project to commemorate St. Albert's 150 th anniversary	\$925
St. Albert Christmas Bird Count	Support community program that survey birds in the areas around St. Albert	\$350
St. Albert Catholic Church	To support the initiation of a community garden on church property	\$4,998

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