

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program Spring/Fall 2009 – Grant Recipients

Fourteen environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2009 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to \$5,000 in the 2009 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.

Spring/Fall 2009 Highlights of the Environmental Stewardship Grant Program:

- 14 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$350 to \$5,000 for each project
- Total grant amount of \$29,425.32
- Applications and grant recipients were from 11 community schools and 3 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	Grant Amount
Society of Friends of the St. Albert Public Gardens	Purchase of a mulcher/shredder to assist with composting program	\$5,000
Neil M. Ross Catholic School	Environmental awareness project – Recycling program	\$500 (spring allocation)
Muriel Martin School	Establishment of natural space for an outdoor classroom	\$3,500
Ecole La Mission	Naturalization of school grounds	\$1,000
Albert Lacombe School	From Seed to Salad or Soup program	\$474
Leo Nickerson School	6 month curbside recycling pilot project	\$2,240
Sir George Simpson School	6 month curbside recycling pilot project and composting bin	\$2,573.41
Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	Fixed viewing binoculars for platform at Big Lake	\$3,900
St. Albert Christmas Bird Count Committee	2009 Christmas Bird Count event	\$350
Lorne Akins School	Resource center providing materials on environment related subjects	\$927.91
Neil M. Ross Catholic School	Expansion of waste management	\$760 (fall allocation)

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Sir Alexander Mackenzie School	Purchase a wider range of environmentally-themed library materials	\$1,000
Richard S. Fowler School	Naturalization of school grounds	\$3,200
Wild Rose Elementary School	Establishment of a natural space for an outdoor classroom	\$4,000