

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program 2015 Grant Recipients

Five distinctive environmental projects are going ahead in 2016 thanks to the City of St. Albert's annual Environmental Initiatives Grant Program (EIGP). The EIGP was made possible by funding received from the City of St. Albert to assist community groups in launching environmentally beneficial projects by alleviating all or part of project costs. The accomplishments of community groups, with the support from the City of St. Albert, enables our environmental policy, plans, and practices to continuously take shape and positively impact our city.

2015 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 5 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$3,764.25 to \$12,200.00
- Total grant funding allocated in 2015 is \$34,244.25
- 99 environmental initiatives projects have received funding since 2007

Applicants are eligible to apply if the community group is 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 qualifying projects had to demonstrate environmental benefits or improvements that 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
11. other environmental projects in keeping with City policies.

Congratulations to the following recipients!

Community Group/Project	Proposed Grant
<p>Grey Nuns White Spruce Park Working Group (GNWSPWG) for Seedling Planting and Trial Reforestation Plots. The GNWSPWG utilized an Environmental Initiatives Grant last year to collect and incubate approximately 10,000 white spruce seedlings. This year's funding will go towards site preparation and planting of those seedlings.</p>	\$12,200.00
<p>St. Albert Soccer Association for Recycling Receptacles. The grant will be used to assist with the purchase of six recycling/refuse stations.</p>	\$3,764.25
<p>Grandin Village for a Community Garden. The grant will be used to purchase materials to build a community garden consisting of 18 raised beds. The garden plots will be offered first to Village residents and opened to the general public if any garden plots are unallocated.</p>	\$5,280.00
<p>BLESS for a Pocket Bird Guide. Building on the success of the Pocket Guide to the Plants of Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park, BLESS will produce a Pocket Guide to the major birds of the park.</p>	\$5,000.00
<p>St. Albert Bike Association for Repair Stations. The purchase and installation of 2 bicycle repair stations, 1 combination bicycle and skateboard deck repair station, and 2 air pumps located strategically in the City (St. Albert Place, Bike Skills Park, and Skateboard Park). Bicycle repair stands and deck repair stations contribute to the encouragement of active transportation.</p>	\$8000.00
TOTAL	\$34,244.25