

APPENDIX J: Grants and Funding

Most funding and granting sources require the instigator of projects to have non-profit or charitable status or be partnered with a non-profit society. To save yourself time and effort, thoroughly read the requirements of the potential grant or funding source before you decide to apply for it. Make sure to check deadline dates, as most grants are time sensitive. Also, when applying for a grant or for funding it is important to show that the community supports the “growth” of a community garden. Letters and petitions from neighbours and local groups can help demonstrate this support.

The following sources have brief outlines on what they are and what they require. However, these may change over time or may adopt a clause that makes it a nonviable funding source for your community garden.

1. BC Healthy Communities

Website: <http://www.bchealthycommunities.ca/content/home.asp>

Organisation Description:

BC Healthy Communities is part of the international Healthy Cities/Healthy Communities movement. We support communities and community groups that are taking a holistic and integrated approach to increasing the health, well-being and healthy development in their communities.

Contact Information:

For more information about BCHC and to find out how we might be able to support your efforts to create a healthier community, please contact us at our Central Office in Victoria, or call the Regional Facilitator for your area.

Vancouver Coastal Region Facilitator: Julie Clark
 Phone: 604-886-7456
 Toll Free: 1-888-356-0892 ext 4
 Email: julie@bchealthycommunities.ca

2. Central City Foundation

Website: <http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/grantprograms.html>

Organisation Description:

Supporting safe affordable housing and programs that enhance the lives of people in need in the inner city

Grant Information:

Twice a year the Central City Mission Foundation entertains grant applications from a myriad of not-for-profit groups providing a vast array of services to Vancouver's inner-city.

- *Grant Range:* Maximum allowable grant is \$30,000
 - *Criteria:* Preference will be given to organizations that are registered Canadian charities with a federal charitable tax number and are a registered B.C Society.
 - *Limitations:* Grants will not be awarded to political organizations, for deficit financing, ongoing operating funds, staffing costs, endowment funds, general fundraising campaigns, amateur sports, conferences, workshops or seminars. Organizations may only apply to the Central City Foundation once a year.
 - *Application Procedures:* Please contact the President and CEO directly to determine if your project may qualify. If so, you will be requested to submit a Letter of Intent. You will be asked to complete an application form only if your project is deemed suitable. Submitted materials become the property of the Central City Foundation.
 - *Application deadlines* are twice a year on May 1st and November 1st.
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3. Center for Sustainability - Partners in Organizational Development (POD)

Website: <http://www.centreforsustainability.ca/programs/>

Organisation Description:

The Centre for Sustainability delivers Partners in Organizational Development (POD), a technical assistance granting program for not-for-profit organizations in British Columbia.

Funding Description:

There are currently 3 POD programs:

- Social ServicesPOD for health and social service organizations (previously known as POD)
- ArtsPOD for arts and heritage organizations
- EnviroPOD for environmental organizations

Sample Application:

http://www.centreforsustainability.ca/programs/2007_EnviroPOD_Program_Description_and_Guidelines.doc

4. Coast Capital Savings

Website:

https://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/About_Coast_Capital_Savings/Helping_Communities/Community_Funding/

Funding Description:

Coast Capital Savings has a variety of different funding opportunities; however, the Coast Community Fund appears to be the one most applicable to community gardens. Many different community gardens have mentioned Coast Capital Savings and other local credit

unions as being helpful in providing some start up money. It is a good idea to approach other credit unions that might be in the community.

5. Columbia Basin Trust – Community Development Program

Website: <http://www.cbt.org/programs/main.asp?ProgramID=262&fl=5>

Organisation Description:

To ensure the Columbia Basin Trust builds capacity within the Basin in ways that are consistent with the CBT's mandate of supporting the efforts of the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well being and to achieve greater self sufficiency's for present and future generations.

6. EcoAction: A Community Funding Program

Website: http://www.pyr.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/appguide_e.htm

Program Description:

EcoAction is an Environment Canada funding program that helps groups carry out action-oriented projects that protect or improve the environment in their community.

Funding Description:

Contact the EcoAction office for your province or territory before you get started. It can offer some work-saving tips and materials that can help you, including:

- sample applications
- examples of previously funded projects
- a guide to help you develop your project that provides information on setting objectives, evaluating your project and developing partnerships.
- identifying other sources of funding

Contact Information:

Phone (Greater Vancouver): 604-664-9093

Toll-free in BC & Yukon: 1-800-667-7779

Fax: 604-713-9527

Email: ecoaction.pyr@ec.gc.ca

7. Evergreen

Website: <http://www.evergreen.ca/en/>

Organisation Description:

The charity supports nature in urban spaces and has a project registry which helps similar projects share information. They would also be a good organisation to connect with others doing similar projects.

Funding Description:

They provide information on other funding opportunities and proposal writing tips. They also provide funding for school related gardens. <http://www.evergreen.ca/en/lg/lg-funding.html>. Sample application http://www.evergreen.ca/en/lg/pdf/0607_SampleApplication.pdf

Contact Information:

Location: #404-134 Abbott St. Vancouver V6B 2K4

Phone: 604-689-0766

E-mail: info@evergreen.ca

8. Evergreen Partnership Grants

Website: <http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html>

Grant Information:

- Wal-Mart & Evergreen Green Grants provide up to \$10,000 and support community gardening projects that involve native plants and food gardening.
 - The Home Depot & Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grant is now closed now, but may be open sometime in the future.
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9. CommUnity Impact Grants

Website: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

Grant Description:

The Home Depot's CommUnity Impact Grants program funds nonprofit organizations who engage volunteers to:

- construct, refurbish and maintain play spaces (such as playgrounds, parks, and trails)
- refurbish or maintain community gathering places (such as community centers)
- build, refurbish or maintain affordable or transitional housing
- rebuild structures damaged in weather-related disasters

Funding Description:

The Home Depot supports tax exempt nonprofit organizations and schools in the United States and charitable organizations in Canada. To maximize the impact of resources, The Home Depot only funds organizations and programs that meet our eligibility criteria and pass our online eligibility quiz. Grant amounts vary up to \$3,000. Preference will be given

to requests that offer volunteerism opportunities, encourage civic engagement and reflect and encourage inclusion of diverse communities.

If your organization does not have non-profit status, you may wish to collaborate with a local nonprofit organization who can serve as your fiscal sponsor. Verification of this collaborative effort will be requested in the form of an official letter by the sponsoring nonprofit partner.

All requests are reviewed and applicants are notified in writing by e-mail of decisions. Due to the high volume of requests received, not every request that matches the CommUnity Impact Grant program guidelines will receive funding. Approved applicants are required to complete a detailed grant report, provided by The Home Depot, upon project completion. Failure to complete the report will suspend an organization's eligibility for future funding from any grants program with The Home Depot.

10. Neighbourhood Matching Fund

Website: <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/arts/nmf/>

Program Description:

The Neighbourhood Matching Fund is a program providing support for projects involving people in a way that promotes the development of community and builds neighbourhood connections. It provides funds to groups who want to improve and develop parks and facilities on park land. Donations of time, money and/or materials, equal to the amount requested from the Neighbourhood Matching Fund must be provided by the community. This is known as the match. Examples of projects are: greening a street-end; building a community fence; working with a ceramic artist to build creative benches; developing natural or historical interpretation; starting a banner program; and building an information kiosk, etc.

Project must be on Park Board land or on other public property assuming appropriate permission. Large developments which are seeking funding must apply them to a specific identifiable element with which the community building process can be associated

Projects which have other committed Park Board funding are eligible for a maximum of \$5,000 and will only be considered second to projects with no Park Board funding; and up to 10% of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund allocation for each project may be used to fund a community development worker to assist in engaging neighbourhood residents.

Projects must:

- focus on the building of a sense of community and the demonstration of neighbourhood support;
- have public benefit/accessibility;
- have widespread community participation in the process (work parties, design workshops, neighbourhood planning meetings, etc.);
- include a physical improvement

- ongoing contribution (upon project completion) to building connections between people in the neighbourhood.

Contact Information:

Location: 2099 Beach Avenue Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4
Phone: 604-257-8495

11. TD Bank Friends of the Environment Foundation – Community Fund

Website:

<http://www.td.com/fef/project.jsp#eligibility>

Funding Description:

The purpose of the Community Fund is to provide funding support for community-based initiatives that make a positive difference to the Canadian environment. The Community Fund will consider projects that meet the following criteria:

- protects and preserves the Canadian environment; Assists young Canadians in understanding and participating in environmental activities in local communities
- enhances cooperation among environmental organizations.
- takes place within the geographic scope of the Community Fund Chapter

Local Advisory Boards, made up of customers and employees, review the applications and make recommendations for funding support according to the established guidelines. Applications for the Community Fund are reviewed throughout the year.

Contact Information:

Contact person: Amanda Perry, Regional Manager
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Phone: 604-654-8832
Fax: 604-654-5531
Email: amanda.perry@td.com

12. Vancity Enviro Fund

Website:

<https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/CommunityFunding/EnviroFund/>

Program Description:

EnviroFund was conceived as a way to support community initiatives that address local environmental concerns in a positive, constructive, and creative manner. EnviroFund grows through donations made by Vancity based on a minimum of 5% of Vancity VISA

card profits. It also grows through individual donations. More than \$1.7 million have been awarded to local groups since enviroFund was established in 1990.

13. Vancity Project Grants

Website:

<https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/CommunityFunding/CommunityGrants/>

Grant Information:

They provide up to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the social justice, economic self-reliance or environmental responsibility of a community and its members. Grants are awarded four times per year. Vancity requires grant recipients to submit a final grant report 30 days after the completion of the project.

Sample Application:

https://www.vancity.com/SharedContent/documents/Community/2007_Application_for_Region_1.doc

14. Vancity Community Branch Grants

Funding Description:

Each Vancity branch makes small grants — up to \$500 — available to local initiatives that improve the well-being of the community in which the branch operates. Requests for funding can be made by contacting the Community Programs Representative at any branch.

15. Vancouver Foundation Grant information

Website:

<http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/GrantInformation.shtml>

Funding Description:

- *Eligibility:* Eligible applicants include registered charities and qualified donees under the Income Tax Act as well as some First Nations bands that may be considered a public body performing a function of government. All these organizations must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effective management. Grants are not made to individuals or to businesses.
- *What is Funded:* Vancouver Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to British Columbians. Funded activities often provide a direct service to the community, or take an innovative approach to a community concern. Vancouver Foundation is responsive to changing community issues and priorities.

16. Shell Environment Fund

Website:

http://www.shell.ca/home/Framework?siteId=ca-en&FC2=/ca-en/html/iwgen/society_environment/environment/zzz_lhn.html&FC3=/ca-en/html/iwgen/society_environment/environment/environment_fund_shared/dir_sef.html

Funding Description:

The Shell Environmental Fund (SEF) provides financial support for grass-roots, action-oriented projects that improve and protect the Canadian environment. You can receive a grant only once for any single project. The SEF provides up to \$5,000 per project. Any Canadian resident can apply on their own, or on behalf of a service club, charitable or volunteer organization, environmental group, youth group or others.

Shell funds projects that propose innovative, action-oriented ways of improving and protecting the Canadian environment. Projects must yield an environmental benefit and you should have a clear idea of the results you expect. View their naturalization requirements and climate change project requirements.