Environmental Initiatives Grant Program
2014 Grant Recipients

Five environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2015 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to $5,000 in the 2014 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.

2014 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 5 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from $444 to $8,500 for each project
- Total grant amount of $14,324
- Applications and grant recipients were from local schools and 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
Grey Nuns White Spruce Park Working Group	To re-establish the age class of the forest by growing genetically matched seeds to be planted in spring 2016.	$8,500
Robert Rundle Elementary School	To support an environment club project that includes placement of bird	$444

	feeders and planting of trees in the forested area by the school. Outcomes of the project will be monitored through a scientific experiment with the students.	
Bertha Kennedy Elementary School	To contribute to the school's Healthy Bobcat initiative. The funding will provide students with a location to refill their water bottles.	$1,550
The St. Albert 50 + Club	To purchase labeled waste containers throughout the facility for the collection of three waste streams. This will reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill and increase the diversion of the facility.	$830
J.J. Nearing Elementary School	To support the installation of a Living Wall in the community space of the school. This is a Greenilicious Environment Club project.	$3,000