Environmental Initiatives Grant Program
2017 Grant Recipients

Ten distinctive environmental projects are going ahead in 2018 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.

2017 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 10 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from $632 to $5,000
- Total grant funding allocated in 2017 is $26,689
- 116 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!

Organization/Community/ Project	**Project Description**	**Proposed Grant**
Bellerose Composite High School	Using real-time energy consumption display, the school's Sustainability Club will pilot an Energy Literacy Awareness Campaign with students.	$2,913.90
École Father Jan Elementary School Council	Creation of an outdoor classroom for student learning. Classroom to include seating, raised garden beds, native trees and shrubs, rain barrels, compost bin, student murals and bird houses.	$4,500.00
Keenoshayo Elementary School	Grade one students will have the opportunity to explore the science curriculum through gardening with a mobile raised garden table.	$632.10
Robert Rundle Elementary School	To fund activities and programs of the newly formed school environment club including composting, garden beds, and air quality monitoring.	$1,700.00
St. Albert Daycare Society	To improve the daycare's outdoor garden program by improving existing gardens and constructing a greenhouse. Project includes partnerships with the Food Bank and other community stakeholders.	$1,000.00
St. Albert Nature School	Funds will be used to help kick start a community environmental education program for preschool aged children.	$3,612.00
St. Albert Urban Agriculture	Continuing with the success of the past 2 years, funds will be used to add seating to increase the ability of the Food Forest to host schools.	$1,531.18
Tool Library of St. Albert	Funds will be used to initiate a tool sharing library including inventory, Fix It Café (in partnership with St. Albert Public Library) and promotions.	$5,000.00
Trout Unlimited	Building on the success of the 2016/2017 Yellow Fish Road program in St. Albert, funding will assist groups with self-delivery of the program and further establish the program in St. Albert.	$5,000.00
Venture into Nature	Targeted to families, the project will plan and implement nature walks in St. Albert's natural areas.	$800.00
	TOTAL	**$26,689.18**