Environmental Initiatives Grant Program
2018 Grant Recipients

Six distinctive environmental projects are going ahead in 2019 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.

2018 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 6 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from $1,200 to $8,500
- Total grant funding allocated in 2018 is $26,295
- 122 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!

Applicant (alphabetical)	**Project Description**	**Grant Funding**
Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	To fund activities, supplies, and promotions for 3rd annual International Migratory Bird Day at Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park spring 2019.	$1,280.00
Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	To update, print, and market the bird and plant guides to Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park.	$4,000.00
St. Albert Botanic Park	To construct three raised garden beds including a drip irrigation system as a teaching station for the Park's raised garden bed classes.	$2,515.96
St. Albert Nature School	To expand the school's program by purchasing classroom supplies, develop and market field trip programs to St. Albert schools, and develop and promote nature-based education materials.	$8,500.00*
St. Albert Tool Library Society	To complete phase 2 of the tool library project which will focus on marketing and improving the inventory and services (Fix It Café) of the Tool Library.	$5,000.00
WILDNorth	Funds will be used to expand the wildlife rehabilitation and rescue care programs to St. Albert.	$5,000.00
	TOTAL	**$26,295.96**

*The Environmental Initiatives Grant Procedure indicates that "funding for each project shall not exceed $5,000, unless Council, by resolution, approves funding in excess of $5,000". Although this project exceeds this amount, the EAC is recommending that Council fund them in excess of $5,000.