

GREENEST CITY FUND



Greenest City Community Grants Grant Recipients for 2013

Build-a-Bicyclist (\$18,500)

Build-a-Bicyclist will help 50 people integrate cycling into their day-to-day lives. Vancouver Area Cycling (HUB) will provide each participant with a quality bicycle, helmet, lock, lights, bell, and a cycling safety course, to give them the skills and confidence to take up city riding.

Community Apiaries Mentorship (\$21,200)

In this project, Hives for Humanity will partner with PHS Community Services Society to bring beehives into urban communities and provide beekeeping mentorship for people living on the margins of society. The intent is to educate people, and engender respect for natural systems.

Foodprint: Working with Grocers and Consumers to Reduce Food Waste (\$12,000)

This project is a public awareness and education campaign aimed at reducing the amount of food waste in the home. Farm Folk/City Folk Society, supported by Vancouver-area grocery stores, will facilitate tip sharing strategies for shopping, cooking and storage so consumers will waste less and eat more of the food they buy.

Greening Vancouver's Waterfront (\$30,000)

The Georgia Strait Alliance will build a network of collaborators to create a vision for the waterfront that reflects a diversity of needs. The ultimate goal of the project is a sustainable waterfront development with solid climate resilience and adaptation plans to meet the needs of all constituents.

Indigenous Welcome Garden at Templeton Park Pool (\$28,150)

The Hastings Community Association, in partnership with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, will develop an Indigenous Welcome Garden at Templeton Park Pool. This project will also create food security programs that will help Aboriginal families learn more about traditional native foods and medicines. It's hoped the garden will reconnect people to the land and to others in the community.

Intercultural Food Project (\$16,500)

The goal of this project is to bridge the local food movement gap in the Hua community by producing a culturally relevant food guide. The collaboration between the Hua Foundation (ethnic Chinese) and the Global Youth Education Network (genius) also aims to improve point-of-purchase labelling for sustainable products; develop a pilot project for an urban-farmed Asian crop system; and develop a long-term strategy for continued inter- and cross-cultural food security.

Italian Community Garden (\$20,000)

For this project, the Italian Culture Centre Society will create 40 community garden plots in East Vancouver. By linking existing urban agricultural initiatives with new green education opportunities and partnerships, the project also aims to weave local urban agricultural resources together and establish a community matrix of organizations involved in food, agriculture and sustainability.

Making Vancouver a Model of Locally-sourced and Accessible Sustainable Seafood (\$50,000)

The intent of this project is to help more Vancouver restaurants offer sustainable seafood choices on their menus. The Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre will encourage restaurants and shoppers to choose more locally-sourced, sustainable fish — especially those species with a robust supply chain that will support increased consumer demand.

Rewilding Vancouver at the Museum Of Vancouver (\$17,000)

This grant to the Vancouver Museum Society will help with audience engagement and education around an exhibit called "*Rewilding Vancouver*." The exhibition presents critical local narratives to illustrate key concepts that shape the field of historical ecology as they relate to Vancouver. The scenes mix natural history specimens, material culture, film projection and sound to depict Vancouver's history. In addition to creating linkages to current greening efforts, *Rewilding Vancouver* will present a positive, forward-looking, new approach to environmental thinking.

Sustainability at Work in False Creek Flats (\$30,000)

The goal of this project is to protect and revitalize existing industrial lands by engaging businesses in the green economy and support sustainable communities. In partnership with industry and Ecotrust Canada, the Light House Sustainable Building Centre Society will deliver interactive courses and resources on green building design, retrofit and operation; sustainable and ethical purchasing; and zero waste.

Westside Collaborative Community Garden (\$17,500)

This project will create a Westside Collaborative Community Garden with much-needed gardening space, as well as opportunities to grow food communally, learn skills such as cooking, canning and composting; and foster greater community belonging. Kitsilano Neighbourhood House has partnered with the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC to create an even more energized local west side food community; a community that uses garden space in creative

ways, enabling better access to fresh food, while educating and creating a greater sense of belonging.

West Side Healthy Food Access Project (\$19,093)

This project builds on the recent success of the West Side Mobile Food Market, which gave seniors and other vulnerable populations from the west side increased access to affordable, fresh, local food. Through this project, Westside Food Collaborative will partner with the South Granville Seniors Friendship Centre to build capacity and work even more deeply with project partners to create long-term, sustainable healthy food access solutions.

Greenest City Community Grants fund Vancouver projects led by community-based charitable organizations in support of the Greenest City Action Plan goals. The grants are part of the Greenest City Fund program, a partnership between the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Foundation. The goal of the Greenest City Fund is to help make Vancouver the greenest city in the world by 2020.

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