

GREENEST CITY FUND



Generation Green Grant Recipients for 2013

Energizing Youth Engagement towards Greenest City Action (\$10,000)

This project is a partnership between CityStudio and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Through education on environmental stewardship, it will empower youth aged 15-18 to develop a Greenest City Curriculum Toolkit, and include creative documentation workshops, coupled with Greenest City Tours focused on Local Food, Clean Water, Green Buildings, Green Transportation, and Zero Waste.

Copley Youth Orchard (\$10,000)

The project will develop a vacant plot of city-owned land in the Trout Lake neighbourhood as a new urban agriculture initiative focused on perennial food systems. The Environmental Youth Alliance Society will use the space specifically for a production training area where youth can gain hands-on experience in perennial food growing, food processing and preservation. Youth will also plan and implement a small scale-social enterprise and learn about business in a local food economy.

Think Big: Grow Small (\$10,000)

A partnership between Urban Seed and the Strathcona Community Centre Association, this project will build and develop urban teaching gardens at Lord Strathcona Elementary School and Strathcona Community Centre. It will educate young people to grow their own food, and encourage food sustainability. Food from the garden will feed children at the community centre and daycare, and contribute to the annual Strathcona Harvest Festival.

The Creek Forum: Cultivating Resilience along the St. George Rainway (\$7,000)

The Vancouver Society of Storytelling will use storytelling and facilitation workshops to engage children and youth in planning a "Creek Forum" and creating a green design for the St. George Rainway area.

Get to Know Outreach in Vancouver (\$3,500)

The Wild Neighbours Society, in cooperation with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, will give youth under 19 the chance to get outdoors, experience nature, and learn about their

local environment. They will also produce an educational toolkit that includes *Art in the Park* and *BioBlitz* guides to help teachers and parents connect students with nature.

BC Housing Compost Hub Garden (\$5,000)

The Shifting Growth Garden Society will develop and build a gardening and composting program on the grounds of Skeena Public Housing in East Vancouver.

Dry River Bed Greening Project (\$5,000)

Students in Grades 3, 6 and 7 from Brock Elementary School will help transform an under-utilized school property into a dry river bed. Students will be hands-on participants in creating the space that will act as both vibrant, natural play area and outdoor classroom. During construction, they will learn about water flow and precipitation. Upon completion of the river bed environment, students will learn about sustainability issues and native plant species. They will also develop interpretive bilingual signs for the site and plants.

Generation Green grants fund youth-led projects that support Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 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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