1% Seeds of Change Grant Program

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2016 Recipients

Parkdale Community Association - Calgary, AB

West Bank Garden Bed Project

The Parkdale Garden provides a well-used space for growing a sense of community connection. Over its three years of operation, they have had the opportunity to introduce groups across the socioeconomic and cultural spectrum into the garden space, creating friendships and linkages that have enriched the community. With funding from Seeds of Change, the group will complete a series of beds along the southern and western edge of the property specifically for the production of food for underserved communities in the surrounding area.

Grandview Woodland Food Connection - Vancouver, BC

Britannia Wild Minds

The Wild Minds summer youth project will create an ecologically rich food forest garden at the Strathcona park community food garden. The food forest garden will support increased bio-diversity and habitat for pollinators and animals. The Wild Minds project will help youth build important skills and understanding about food growing, ecological sustainability, healthy eating, and community, providing them with a positive experiential learning and summer activity.

Immigrant Integration Farming Community Co-op - Winnipeg, MB

Rainbow Community Gardens

Rainbow Community Gardens brings newcomer families together to interact between themselves, and with Canadian-born community members and volunteers, while growing vegetables, practicing English, and learn about environmental and global warming issues.

Funding from Seeds of Change will be used toward the costs of improving their water collection infrastructure on site.

Jardin communautaire de Shippagan - Shippagan, NB

Amélioration du jardin communautaire de Shippagan

Since 2014, the Shippagan community garden has filled a gap in the community. The garden has grown in popularity each year, with 27 garden boxes the year that the garden began, to the 50 garden boxes available for 2016. With funding from Seeds of Change, the community garden group will expand their garden through the addition of new beds specially built for wheelchair accessibility.

Eastport Peninsula Regional Recreation Committee - Eastport, NL

Eastport Peninsula Intergenerational Community Garden

The Eastport community garden is very important to the residents of the Eastport Peninsula with many seniors using the garden to grow fresh vegetables. Youth are involved as well and have five raised vegetable garden boxes and a greenhouse which they use to grow fresh produce. With funding from Seeds of Change, Eastport will be purchasing seeds for gardeners and organic fertilizer and compost.

Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre - Halifax, NS

HUGS Community Garden

The Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre serves families in the north Halifax region. In response to the need for increased vegetable growing space, the Centre created Hilda's Unity Garden Society (HUGS) where community members participate in food growing workshops and plant their own food garden plots. Funding from Seeds of Change will be used toward the cost of maintaining the Centre's 28 raised vegetable beds, and coordinating weekly BBQs where residents come together to share produce from the garden.

Northlands Community Garden Society - Yellowknife, NT

Northlands Community Garden Expansion

In 2012, the Northlands Community Garden Society transformed an unused baseball diamond into a community garden and gathering space in the Northlands Trailer Park in Yellowknife. In addition to garden plots, a bread oven, gazebo and small stage bring neighbours together to share in creating food, music and an overall enhanced sense of community. Funding from Seeds of Change will help the group offer community workshops on food growing, preserving and preparation, and help to spread the message of community and sustainable living.

Trails End Community Association - Yellowknife, NT

Trails End Community Garden Improvements

The Trails End Community Garden supports families with young children who have a lack of access to outdoor green space. Bolstered by educational workshops and skill sharing sessions, the garden fills a gap in the community and has become a much-needed green space for people of all ages. One-quarter of produce grown in the garden is donated to local charities and community groups. Funding from Seeds of Change will support the ongoing educational workshops offered to community members, and pay for additional tools, seeds and soil.

Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre - Toronto, ON

Community Connect Food Gardens

The Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre (formerly the Harbourfront Community Centre) engages 400 people, including local residents, program participants of all ages, and volunteers, in their community garden and related food-focused educational workshops. The gardens are located at the west-end of Toronto's developing waterfront where food security is a growing concern for a rising number of marginalized families, isolated seniors, and vulnerable community members who regularly participate in the free gardening and community kitchen programs.

PEI Farm Centre Association - Charlottetown, PE

Legacy Garden

The Legacy Garden at PEI Farm Centre Association includes a community garden of 150 garden plots and a 2 acre Goodwill Garden which is harvested twice a week and donated to local charities. The site also hosts a community orchard and raised bed gardens for gardeners with physical challenges, and a garden for children. At the Centre, participants learn about food and nutrition with hands on opportunities to test their new knowledge. Funding from Seeds of Change will be applied toward the cost of expanding the gardens to meet the ongoing demand in the community.

Santropol Roulant - Montréal, QC

Roots & Shoots

Santropol Roulant has a mission to unite people and generations through food, while making good food accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status, level of mobility, or degree of autonomy. Growing over one metric ton of vegetables through urban agriculture gardens, Santropol Roulant offers workshops about healthy food, intergenerational activities, and a meals-on-wheels program that serves community members with mobility challenges. Funding from Seeds of Change will support a garden apprentice staff role and pay for gardening tools.

North Central Community Association - Regina, SK

North Central Community Gardens

The Community Gardens program has turned vacant spaces within North Central Regina into community gardens full of organic vegetables for everyone in the community to enjoy. The gardens attract volunteers and residents who help plant and maintain the space, and the Association works with nearby schools to sprout seedlings to be later transplanted into the gardens. Through workshops, the Association provides opportunities for the community to learn healthy cooking techniques and share recipes based on the garden's bounty.