

Clean & Green Neighbourhood Grants

2020 Funding Recommendations



Overview

- ▶ Funds available to award: \$5,000
- ▶ 17 applications received - 1 was ineligible (outside of Hamilton), 16 were eligible
- ▶ All applications were reviewed by City staff, eligible applications were scored by the Grants working group
- ▶ Final scores and funding recommendations were decided by the Grants Working Group through a consensus based process
- ▶ Working Group members: Brenda, Felicia and Heather

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Plant pollinators and native species on church property, create stormwater retention features and install rain barrels to increase stormwater capture.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 65%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Property is in a high pedestrian area (James St S) so this project will be highly visible and beneficial to the community.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

MHBC Community Garden

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Repair the garden beds in the community garden and replace the wooden garden bed walls with cinder blocks.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 65%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Cinder blocks are not an ideal material for community gardens (As per City staff: difficult to weed, heat up quickly in summer, dry out soil, potential tripping hazard, etc).
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

McQuesten Urban Farm

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Deliver programming at the urban farm in partnership with students from local schools including litter cleanups and collaborative visual arts projects.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 87%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Programming is varied and will involve children and youth.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Donald Mallette

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Support the community gardens for CityHousing Hamilton tenants to grow vegetables, herbs, and pollinating plants.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 45%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Group has already secured significant funding from other sources. Future applications should show greater level of engagement with members of the community.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Bonnington Betterment Community

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Address the neighbourhood's challenges with litter and illegal dumping by developing a fridge magnet with information about proper disposal of waste.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 67%
- ▶ Working Group comments: The group's proposed solution (fridge magnet) may not be the best way to address the issue. The group should consider more direct methods of engagement with a student population and utilize existing promotional and education tools available through the City.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Community Permaculture Lab

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Convert the property's driveway from asphalt to permeable surface, beautify gardens with recycled materials, and retain garden beds.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$1,055
- ▶ Consensus Score: 61%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Project area is a private residential property so broader community benefits and long term impact are unclear. Project is unique, Committee should engage with applicant to learn more.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Brandon Agnew

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Engage participants from the Salvation Army Autism Centre to showcase their talents through art and storytelling and host neighbourhood events.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 89%
- ▶ Working Group comments: This year's activities do not directly tie into Clean & Green Strategy focus areas. Project is highly supported by local community members so ongoing Clean & Green funding may not be necessary.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Inch Park/Eastmount Neighbourhood Association

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Create open and accessible alleys by organizing cleanups and beautification activities.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$1,000
- ▶ Consensus Score: 63%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Group can connect with existing community networks like Beautiful Alleys to learn from the expertise and knowledge that is already available. Project expenses can be provided free of charge.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Hamilton Public Library - Barton Branch

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Construct a third garden box in front of the library and replant the two existing planters to create teaching and volunteer opportunities for children and youth.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 76%
- ▶ Working Group comments: The project will provide library staff with new opportunities to engage with the community while beautifying the area.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Halarn Park Housing Co-operative Inc.

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Install two dog waste receptacles at the townhouse complex and educate residents about proper disposal of pet waste.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$875.48
- ▶ Consensus Score: 85%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Providing an additional \$125 in funding can help the organization better communicate project objectives to residents and ensure long term success. Lessons learned could be implemented elsewhere in Hamilton where dog waste is an issue.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$1,000**

Compass Community Health

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Purchase compostable materials for programming, host workshops for staff about delivering more sustainable programming, develop purchasing guidelines.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 49%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Grant will primarily be used to purchase the organization's operating supplies for ongoing programming.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$0**

Green Team Gardeners

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Create two community murals on garage doors at a City Housing Hamilton property, engage residents in art and gardening workshops and a community BBQ.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 76%
- ▶ Working Group comments: This initiatives offers a positive opportunity to engage with City Housing Hamilton residents in a high need neighbourhood.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Engage high school students to restore and replant native and pollinator gardens at the EcoHouse property.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 73%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Initiative will support youth to learn more about gardening and increase pollinator gardens in the community.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Jeffrey Stock

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Provide individuals with knowledge and tools to convert a portion of their front lawns to a native plant garden. Plant native trees in areas adjacent to alleyways.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 79%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Initiative will encourage individuals to grow native plants at home and beautify alleyways in a high need neighbourhood
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Barton Village BIA

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Volunteers will remove impermeable surfaces on an underutilized boulevard on Barton St and replace it with green spaces.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$1,000
- ▶ Consensus Score: 79%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Supportive of the Depave Barton initiative but, since substantial funding from other organizations is already in place, only recommend \$500 in funding instead of \$1,000.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Flamborough Baptist Community Garden

- ▶ Proposed Initiative: Improve the existing garden beds by constructing permanent walls around the beds.
- ▶ Funding Request: \$500
- ▶ Consensus Score: 67%
- ▶ Working Group comments: Supportive of clean and green projects in Flamborough. Funding will support the enhancement and growth of an already existing program.
- ▶ Funding Recommendation: **\$500**

Summary

| Applicant | Funding Rec. |
|---|-----------------|
| St Paul's Presbyterian Church | \$ 500 |
| McQuesten Urban Farm | \$ 500 |
| Hamilton Public Library - Barton Branch | \$ 500 |
| Halam Park Housing Co-operative Inc. | \$ 1,000 |
| Green Team Gardeners | \$ 500 |
| Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture | \$ 500 |
| Jeffrey Stock | \$ 500 |
| Barton Village Business Improvement Area | \$ 500 |
| Flamborough Baptist Community Garden | \$ 500 |
| MBHC Community Garden | \$ 0 |
| Donald Mallette | \$ 0 |
| Bonnington Betterment Community | \$ 0 |
| Community Permaculture Lab | \$ 0 |
| Brandon Agnew | \$ 0 |
| Inch Park/Eastmount Neighbourhood Association | \$ 0 |
| Compass Community Health | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL | \$ 5,000 |

Next Steps

- ▶ KHCG Committee to review and discuss the Working Group's funding recommendations
- ▶ Committee to vote on a motion for each application (to approve or not approve the Working Group's recommendation)
- ▶ Staff to prepare a Citizen Committee Report for Public Works Committee to review and approve.
- ▶ Once Citizen Committee Report is approved, staff will notify all applicants and distribute funds to successful applicants
- ▶ Committee members to engage with program applicants, visit project sites and attend events if possible

Lessons Learned

- ▶ Committee should consider how to provide ongoing support and promotion for Clean & Green projects (e.g. attend events, share photos, presentations to Council, etc.)
- ▶ Update program guidelines:
 - ▶ List of free/in kind resources available through other City programs
 - ▶ Community garden applications should align with best practices as determined by the Hamilton Community Garden Network
 - ▶ As registered charities, libraries are eligible to apply to the grant but projects must demonstrate community engagement and benefits
 - ▶ Infrastructure upgrade projects must support community engagement
 - ▶ Follow AODA guidelines
- ▶ Update application form to include:
 - ▶ Clearer way to input budget info and amount requested