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Clean & Green Neighbourhood Grants

2023 Funding Recommendations

- ❑ Funds available to award in 2023: \$6,000

- ❑ 26 Applications received:
 - 23 Eligible applications; and
 - 3 Ineligible applications based on grant criteria and information completeness

- ❑ All applications were reviewed by City Staff

- ❑ Eligible applications were scored by the Adjudication Working Group

- ❑ Final scores and funding recommendations were decided by the Adjudication Working Group, through a consensus based process

- ❑ Working Group members: Jen Baker, Brenda Duke and Heather Donison

Overview

Action 13 - Green Block Growing

Proposed Initiative:	Green Block Growing - teach and share ways to plant native plants and edibles to help mitigate the effects of climate change and become more self-sufficient regarding food.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	40
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🌱 A good initiative🌱 Would have liked more information regarding location🌱 Would like to be included in the Action 13 mailing list
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Action 13 - Spare a Square Park Pilot

Proposed Initiative:	Spare a Square Park Pilot - a pilot program to test out 1 square metre native garden plots in select parks.
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	41
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚠ Concerned about long term maintenance⚠ Square meter plot has minimal impact - could build on plots⚠ Action 13 has submitted another application for Green Block Growing
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Adelaide Hoodless School Council

Proposed Initiative:	No project information provided - appears to want to plant a garden on Adelaide Hoodless School Property.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	0
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ No project information provided✿ No proof that the school is on board✿ No long term maintenance plan✿ Incomplete application
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Barbara Williams - My Two Blocks

Proposed Initiative:	A project called "My Two Blocks" where children 7+, with parental/guardianship support, as required, would commit to keeping two blocks in any direction from where they live, as litter free as possible.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	30
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Encourages children and youth to get involved in litter clean up activities✿ Not enough evident existing support✿ Encourage applicant to begin getting involved with existing clean up groups to establish network
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Christine Seketa

Proposed Initiative:	To remove the illegally dumped small furniture at the Chedoke Browlands (around the bus loop for #33 Sanatorium at the escarpment).
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	28
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Limited neighborhood involvement✿ No evidence of attempt to notify by-law✿ A one time clean up does not mitigate the long term problem✿ No information regarding whether this has been reported
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Cleanable World

Proposed Initiative:	To create a brand to inspire people to take action in cleaning up litter in their communities.
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	15
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚠ No apparent existing connections to the broader public⚠ Conflict of interest with TUTCU - there are already established programs that address this issue
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Community Permaculture Lab

Proposed Initiative:	A spring, summer and winter tree pruning workshop with hands on experience and theoretical training.
Funding Request:	\$953
Consensus Score:	35
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🌱 Seem to have proven capacity and knowledge🌱 A unique initiative
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Corktown Neighborhood Association

Proposed Initiative:	No Project information provided - it appears they want to hold a clean up in the Corktown neighborhood.
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	10
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ No project information provided✿ Incomplete application✿ We recognize the organization has had past success, but due to lack of information unable to recommend funding.
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Crown Park Garden Club

Proposed Initiative:	To host two community clean up events in the Crown Point neighbourhood, focusing on the pollinator gardens (and replanting where needed).
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	45.5
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Established success as a community group✿ Proven long term maintenance
Funding Recommendation:	\$500

Deborah Boyd - Soil, Seeds and Sustainability Project

Proposed Initiative:	Soil, Seeds and Sustainability Project - building and re-storing both pollinator and people food sources, eradicating invasive non-native flora, and re-generating soil to increase its rainwater absorption capacity.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	39
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☘ Touching on a lot of priorities of Clean and Green☘ Has regular opportunities for participation (weekly)☘ Located on Private Property - however, promotes City-wide participation
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Friends of the Parkette - Sunset Cultural Garden

Proposed Initiative:	The planting of several different native perennials and pollinator friendly long lasting annuals in the Parkette, encouraging the development of a sustainable ecosystem of birds, butterflies, insects, pollinators
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	45
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🌱 A great initiative🌱 Noted that it's on a piece of land that the City may end up building on - but the group has agreed to relocate the garden🌱 Proven long term maintenance
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Hamilton Community Connection

Proposed Initiative:	To host a clean up within the Crown Point Community neighbourhood on Kenilworth Avenue North.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	42
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚠ Some budget items (recycling and garbage bags, leaf and yard bags, cotton gloves) provided by TUTCU⚠ Plastic gloves can be purchased at a lower cost
Funding Recommendation:	\$500

Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture

Proposed Initiative:	Green Venture will be working at Riverdale Community Garden and EcoHouse Community Garden with our volunteers to rebuild and expand gardening spaces for new garden programming and reduce litter at both garden sites and nearby Veevers Park and Lake Avenue Park.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	47
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🌱 The garden at Riverdale has come a long way since breaking ground🌱 A great initiative with demonstrated long term maintenance
Funding Recommendation:	\$740

Liz Enriquez

Proposed Initiative:	A clean up event at in the John & Barton St area, as well as a give away of native species seeds.
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	38
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Established following on social media✿ Where are seeds being purchased? Would need to ensure they are actually native species✿ Would suggest applicant reach out to crown point garden club, butterfly way etc., to procure seeds✿ Encourage applicant to host event utilizing free supplies from TUTCU
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg / McQuesten Urban Farm

Proposed Initiative:	An annual Earth Day Clean up event inviting neighbours to help clean up litter around the farm and Biindigen Hub.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	42
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Well established organization✿ Aligns with committee mandate✿ Garbage bags should be provided via TUTCU, reducing budget to \$950
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Ottawa Street BIA

Proposed Initiative:	To host a street clean up for Ottawa Street North on Earth Day.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	41
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Will be partnering with Beautiful Alleys for the event✿ Is aware of TUTCU program and will utilize the Program to provide garbage bags, recycling bags, and cotton gloves
Funding Recommendation:	\$710

Roots Above Ground

Proposed Initiative:	In collaboration with Green Venture, we will work with 4 classrooms from Lake Avenue Elementary School to conduct 2-hour environmental stewardship workshops between March 20 - April 30.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	33
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Unsure if aligns with KHCG Committee Mandate✿ No tangible result (i.e. clean neighborhood, garden, etc.)
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Rosedale Elementary School

Proposed Initiative:	No project information provided - it appears they want to plant a garden on school property.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	0
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">⚠ No project information was filled out⚠ Incomplete application⚠ Permission obtained from Principal but not school board
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Alanna Gureckas - Shamrock Park Spiral Garden

Proposed Initiative:	Creating/updating a memorial garden for our friend who passed away in July of 2022. We are buying flowers and other supplies to continue the Spiral Garden that she has created.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	23
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🌱 No long term maintenance plan🌱 Supportive of a memorialization but unsure aligns with committee mandate🌱 Parks Section suggested a commemorative tree or bench
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Stiplely Community Association

Proposed Initiative:	A clean up effort in the Stiplely neighborhood, and installing garbage bins around the neighborhood.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	10
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Garbage bins will not be permitted for funding, as this should be request though the Waste Management Division, so collection can be arranged✿ Many items can be provided via the TUTCU Program
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Strathcona Community Council

Proposed Initiative:	A native seed bomb workshop for community members.
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	35
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Unsure where seeds are being purchased✿ Limited impact of seed bombs, though workshops spread awareness✿ Where are seeds being purchased? Would need to ensure they are actually native species✿ Would suggest applicant reach out to crown point garden club, butterfly way etc., to procure seeds
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

The Pearl Street Bridge Neighbours

Proposed Initiative:	A clean up effort targeting the area in and around the Pearl St. Bridge (litter, graffiti, planters, etc.)
Funding Request:	\$1000
Consensus Score:	20
Working Group Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✿ Planters have history of collecting garbage✿ Planters would require lots of water✿ Very large scope of project✿ Raises many additional questions - are you painting over graffiti on public or private property? Can it be removed with Graffiti wipes via TUTCU?✿ Do not support campaign to have CN clean railroad - would support a railway clean up coordinated with CN and volunteers
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Valley Velo Cycling Team

Proposed Initiative:	A clean up event along Spencer Creek trails.
Funding Request:	\$500
Consensus Score:	0
Working Group Comments:	⚠ We encourage the Valley Velo Cycling Team to utilize the Team Up to Clean Up Program to provide supplies for this event
Funding Recommendation:	\$0

Summary

	Applicants	Project/Initiative	Score	Ward(s)	Category
1	Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	Riverdale Community Garden and EcoHouse Community Garden	47	5	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
2	Crown Point Garden Club	Pipeline Pollinator Paradise & Pollinator Patches	45.5	4	Litter, Illegal Dumping, Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
3	Friends of the Parkette	Sunset Cultural Garden	45	2	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
4	Hamilton Community Connection	Kenilworth Ave N Clean Up	42	4	Litter, Illegal Dumping, Beautification
5	Niwasas Kendaaswin Teg / McQuesten Urban Farm	Earth Day Clean Up Event	42	4	Litter
6	Action 13	Spare a Square Park Pilot	41	Various	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship

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7	Ottawa Street BIA	Ottawa St N Earth Day Clean Up	41	4	Litter, Illegal Dumping
8	Action 13	Green Block Growing	41	13	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
9	Deborah Boyd	Soil, Seeds and Sustainability Project	39	13	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
10	Liz Enriquez	John & Barton Area Clean Up & Seed Giveaway Event	38	2	Litter, Environmental Stewardship
11	Community Permaculture Lab	Tree Pruning Workshop	35	1	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
12	Strathcona Community Council	Native Seed Bombs Workshop	35	1	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
13	Roots Above Ground	Roots Above Ground	33	5	Not Specified
14	Barbara Williams	My Two Blocks	30	Various	Litter

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	Applicants	Project/Initiative	Score	Ward(s)	Category
15	Christine Seketa	Illegal Dumping Clean Up	28	14	Litter, Illegal Dumping
16	Shamrock Park Spiral Garden	Spiral Garden Replanting	23	2	Not Specified
17	The Pearl Street Bridge Neighbours	Pearl St Clean Up	20	1	Litter, Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, Beautification, Environmental Stewardship
18	Cleanable World	Brand encouraging community clean up	15	4	Illegal Dumping
19	Corktown Neighbourhood Association	no project information	10	2	Not Specified
20	Stipley Community Association	Neighborhood Clean Up	10	3	Not Specified
21	Adelaide Hoodless School Council	no project information	0	4	Not Specified
22	Rosedale Elementary	no project information	0	4	Not Specified
23	Valley Velo Cycling Team	Post Winter Clean Up Event	0	13	Beautification, Environmental Stewardship

Summary

Applicant	Initiative	Funding Rec.
Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	Riverdale Community Garden and EcoHouse Community Garden	\$740
Crown Point Garden Club	Pipeline Pollinator Paradise & Pollinator Patches	\$500
Friends of the Parkette	Sunset Cultural Garden	\$710
Hamilton Community Connection	Kenilworth Ave N Clean Up	\$500
Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg / McQuesten Urban Farm	Earth Day Clean Up Event	\$710
Ottawa Street BIA	Ottawa St N Earth Day Clean Up	\$710
Action 13	Green Block Growing	\$710
Deborah Boyd	Soil, Seeds and Sustainability	\$710
Community Permaculture Lab	Community Permaculture Lab	\$710
TOTAL		\$6,000

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 recommendations).

Once the Committee has voted and approved all funding recommendations, 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 and where possible.

Lessons Learned

General Comments:

Thank you

