

**Vancouver Coastal Health
Advancing Urban Agriculture Initiative
North Shore Project Funding for Development of Community Food Gardens
April 2012 – March 2013**

The purpose of this initiative is to increase food security for all members of the North Shore community while specifically working to improve access to healthy foods for people with low income. Vancouver Coastal Health is offering small grants to advance urban agriculture on the North Shore.

What is urban agriculture?

Urban agriculture is an umbrella term that refers to growing food and related activities within cities. It includes community and backyard food gardens, edible landscaping, food producing rooftops and balconies, farmer's markets, food composting and the background work and policies that allow these activities.

What is food security?

Community Food Security is when all residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes self-reliance.

A *sustainable* food system is one that improves the health of the community, environment and individuals over time, involving a collaborative effort to build locally based, self-reliant food systems and economies.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR 2012-2013

Projects may request funding for various aspects of urban agriculture.

This year, initiatives that are related to the priorities that arose from Table Matters: A Community Discussion about Food Security meeting will be priorities. The priority areas are: residential food production, agricultural education for adults (mentoring) and children, urban farms, marketing local/regional food, and food recovery.

Developmental activities: building your group's capacity to do food gardening or creating a food garden on a communally owned piece of land (private or public). Funding can cover expenses related to planning but not manual labour in creating the garden.

Food security strategies such as these from Table Matters: developing a local food security network, developing connections between grassroots organizations and city councils, pursue a "Farm to School" initiative, develop a venue for food exchange or mini-farmer's market, increase number of community ambassadors who are lay educators, or start a 4H Club.

Food security policy development: supporting new policy or policy change, and/or alignment of policies in an organization, related to food security and food gardening. For example, your interest group may work with your organization, municipal environment committee or others to advocate for allocation of land for a community garden.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Community non-profit organizations and formal and informal community groups (e.g., Strata building residents, neighbourhood residents, Blockwatch groups, churches, schools, preschools etc.) All applications will be considered.

Advancing Urban Agriculture 2012
Application Form

FOR MORE INFORMATION – Contact Margaret Broughton, Community Nutritionist, Vancouver Coastal Health, 604-904-6482 or margaret.broughton@vch.ca.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completion of the attached proposal.

Proposals must be received by March 9, 2012. Include an outline of your project (maximum 4 pages, see attached) and budget. Generally a maximum of \$2,000 funding will be available per project. Applications for up to \$5,000 will be considered and we may fund 1 project at the \$5,000 level.)

Submit application to:
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**Advancing Urban Agriculture 2012/13
 Proposal**

The completed proposal, with a budget attachment, is due by March 9, 2012.
 Applications will be reviewed in the week of March 12.

Please type directly in this form or print and complete. Use additional space or pages wherever required, to a maximum of 4 pages.

Questions: Contact Margaret Broughton at Margaret.Broughton@vch.ca
 or call 604-904-6482

Organization Information:

Organization Name:	Mailing Address:
Contact Person:	Position:
Phone:	E-mail:

Other Contact:

Contact Person:	Position:
Organization:	Mailing Address:
Phone:	E-Mail:

Proposed Start Date:	Proposed End Date:
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1. Description of Project (provide a general overview of the pilot project, including the proposed activities):

2. Objectives (describe what you hope the project will achieve):

3. Proposed partners or other support (list all partners, networks or volunteers, and the roles they will play in the project):

4. Intended Outcomes (describe the impact the project will have on your community and/or local government and any specific items, such as plans, a report or a garden, that will be produced):

5. **Evaluation of the project (outline how you will determine if the project has been successful and how this information be shared with others on the North Shore):**

6. **Brief outline of work plan.**

7. **Sustainability (describe how the pilot project will be sustained after the pilot funding):**

8. **Additional Information (please attach detailed budget, including such items as costs of a project developer or coordinator, supplies for project development/implementation, project publicity and in-kind contributions):**

Most projects will be eligible for \$2,000 and one for \$5,000.

Note the following are *ineligible* expenses:

**Banquets
Stand Alone Research Projects
Curriculum Development
Staff Development
Large Conferences**

**Daycare Costs
Resource Libraries
Extensive Materials/Supplies
Health Planning
Employee Benefits
Garden labour**

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Budget Submission

Project Expense	Donation in Kind	Other Funding	VCH Funding	Total
Personnel:				
Travel:				
Training:				
Facilitators:				
Honorariums:				
Workshop Expenses:				
Other Expenses: Please specify:				
TOTAL BUDGET				

Note:

The following are ineligible expenses:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Conferences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daycare Costs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banquets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Libraries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stand alone Research Projects | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum development |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Planning | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labour for gardening | |

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