

## 2023 Climate Action Grant Project Summary

| Project                                                                                               | Recipient                                          | Grant      | Project Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Public Produce Project</b>                                                                         | Mount Paul Community Food Centre                   | \$ 1,900   | Mount Paul Community Food Centre expanded its educational garden with new fruit trees and native bushes, creating a vibrant space that promotes local food, home gardening, and access to healthy produce. Open to the public, the garden demonstrates how community-led initiatives can strengthen food security and sustainability right here at home.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Stewardship: Living Sustainably Support the Wellbeing of Self, Community and the Earth Project</b> | Four Directions Secondary                          | \$ 1,750   | Students took the lead on water conservation by installing a rain barrel and drip irrigation system for their school garden. The initiative grew school-wide participation in sustainability, adding new compost bins in classrooms and a composter for garden waste. Thanks to a partnership with the SD73 Aboriginal Education Department, every student also received a reusable water bottle, helping cut down on single-use plastics and inspire everyday climate action.                                                                    |
| <b>Butler Urban Farm, Education and Healthy Urban Ecosystems and Circular Waste Systems Project</b>   | Kamloops Food Policy Council                       | \$ 1,750   | Schools, community groups, and residents took part in interactive workshops and farm visits that brought sustainable living to life — from harvesting produce and planting seedlings to creating snacks with fresh ingredients and making nature-inspired art. Additional sessions on native seed saving, botanical distillation, and garden trellis building deepened participants' knowledge. New educational signs now guide visitors through self-led tours, showcasing the farm's role in promoting healthy urban ecosystems and composting. |
| <b>Kamloops Community Forest Project</b>                                                              | Kamloops Hybrid Interact Club (Rotary Youth Group) | \$1,074.74 | Community members came together for a planting event with educational booths, family activities, and refreshments, fostering both connection and climate action. Participants helped plant a trembling aspen and native rough fescue grasses, followed by a second event to add more trees — boosting carbon absorption, biodiversity, and community pride in caring for local green spaces.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Grow Wild: Learning Cohort Project</b>                                                             | Kamloops Naturalist Club                           | \$1,750    | The Kamloops Naturalists brought together over 100 residents to learn about native plant landscaping, sharing plant materials, seeds, and expert advice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                               |                                 |            | through community workshops and outreach events. A special presentation by Eva Durance, author of <i>Cultivating the Wild</i> , inspired attendees to rethink their gardens with local ecology in mind. Partnering with the Thompson-Shuswap Master Gardeners, the group also created a native plant guide to help Kamloops gardeners choose species that support biodiversity and climate resilience.                                      |
| <b>Composting at l'Ecole Elementaire South Sahali Project</b> | South Sahali Elementary         | \$1,204.59 | Students and teachers teamed up to cut down on solid waste through a hands-on school composting program. Nine classrooms and the staff room joined in, with the Leadership Group taking charge of collecting compost and managing weekly pickups. To boost awareness, students created educational posters highlighting what belongs in recycling and compost bins — inspiring the whole school community to think differently about waste. |
| <b>Sustainability Stories Project</b>                         | Transition Kamloops             | \$1,200.06 | Three new <a href="#">sustainability stories</a> were added to the existing audio tour, inviting locals and visitors to explore by foot, bike, or transit — or listen online. These stories help people connect with the urban environment and reflect on how development choices shape our relationship with the land and with each other.                                                                                                 |
| <b>Repair Café Events</b>                                     | Transition Kamloops Repair Café | \$ 1,980   | Skilled volunteers helped residents troubleshoot and repair household items, keeping them out of the landfill. Four Repair Café events were hosted, with 65% of repairs successful, along with a demonstration session and outreach at the Farmers' Market and Memorial Cup Sustainability Expo. Volunteers were celebrated at a special appreciation event, highlighting the impact of community-driven waste reduction.                   |
| <b>Zero Waste at the Market Project</b>                       | Farmers' Market                 | \$ 1,550   | The Farmers' Market introduced waste stations and a pack-it-in, pack-it-out approach, encouraging vendors to switch to compostable and reusable packaging. A TRU practicum student also worked with vendors to share waste-reduction strategies, helping increase diversion rates and move the market closer to achieve their zero waste goal.                                                                                              |
| <b>Pollinators Garden Project</b>                             | Rotary Rivers E-Club            | \$ 855.07  | This project increased natural wildflowers to support pollinators, improving pollination for rural crops and urban gardens. It also created a Monarch Butterfly oasis at the Kamloops Wildlife Park near the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|  |  | Education Centre, providing food, water, and shelter along migration routes. |
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