

City funding available for community gardens

Feb. 1, 2021 – Green thumbs get ready! The City of St. Catharines is providing funding for community gardens to take root.

Incorporated charities and not-for-profit groups looking to build or expand a community garden can apply for matching funds from the City to cover up to half of eligible start-up costs, including lumber, soil, seeds, rain barrels and other materials and equipment.

“Community gardens offer many benefits beyond access to healthy food, including physical activity, opportunities for people to teach and learn about gardening and improving the all-round wellbeing of community members,” said Development Horticultural Technician Ilyse Norton. “So, of course, the City is proud to partner with community groups who are working to establish community gardens.”

Through funding community garden projects, the City hopes to encourage more community gardens for the purposes of growing produce for personal consumption or donation. In addition, by developing partnerships to expand the community gardens network across St. Catharines, the City continues its momentum in achieving the environmental and social sustainability goals outlined in its strategic plan.

Applications open Monday Feb. 1 and close Wednesday March 10. Approved projects must be completed by Oct. 31, 2021.

Learn more about the program and how to apply at www.engageSTC.ca/community-gardens.

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