

# SCHOOL GARDENING GRANTS

Gardening provides many benefits to the school and surrounding community, including positive health and educational outcomes for students. Gardening empowers students to grow their own food, provides knowledge to make healthy food choices and changes attitudes and habits.

School gardens can include:

- ✓ One or multiple plants in containers indoors. In the winter a grow light is necessary. You can apply for grants and equipment to get set up from Agriculture in the Classroom's *Little Green Thumbs*' Program [www.littlegreenthumbs.org/](http://www.littlegreenthumbs.org/).
- ✓ Rented community garden plots near the school. To rent a plot in Moose Jaw, contact Yara Community Gardens on Facebook, by email [gardens.hungermj@sasktel.com](mailto:gardens.hungermj@sasktel.com) or by phone 306-692-1916.
- ✓ Nearby vacant lots can be turned into garden plots. Contact your local City or Rural Municipal office to inquire.
- ✓ Raised garden beds on school grounds.
- ✓ Full garden on school grounds.



## Grants

NAME	AMOUNT	TIMELINE/DEADLINE	LINK/Application
<i>Available Anytime</i>			
<b>EcoFriendly Action Grants</b>	\$250-2000	Anytime	There are no forms to fill in. Simply send an email to <a href="mailto:ecofriendlysask@gmail.com">ecofriendlysask@gmail.com</a> outlining your project idea, its purpose and audience, as well as what you need to help make it happen. Clearly indicate how you will use the funds (e.g. a list of supplies that are required and approximate cost, a draft budget).
<b>Home Depot Community Grants</b>	\$5,000	Anytime	<a href="http://www.homedepot.ca/en/home/corporate-information/our-community/the-home-depot-canada-foundation/how-we-help/grant-programs.html">www.homedepot.ca/en/home/corporate-information/our-community/the-home-depot-canada-foundation/how-we-help/grant-programs.html</a>
<b>CN Stronger Communities Fund</b>	Not specified	Anytime	<a href="https://grantstream.com/CN/form/default/en/">https://grantstream.com/CN/form/default/en/</a>
<b>SaskEnergy Sponsorship</b>	Not specified	Anytime	<a href="http://www.saskenergy.com/community/Sponsors/hips.asp">www.saskenergy.com/community/Sponsors/hips.asp</a>

<b>Grants with Application Deadlines</b>			
<b>Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)</b>	\$5,000-\$50,000	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> and Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="http://www.cifsask.org/grants">www.cifsask.org/grants</a>
<b>Canada Post Community Foundation Grant</b>	\$50,000	Mid Apr	<a href="http://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/communityfoundation/default.page">www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/communityfoundation/default.page</a>
<b>Conexus</b>	Up to \$10,000-\$100,000	Deadline End of Sep	Proposals and requests should be received via the <i>Conexus Credit Union online application</i> at least 6 weeks prior to your deadline, though for requests that are larger in scope and dollar value, more time is required.  For more information visit: <a href="http://www.conexus.ca/AboutConexus/OurCommunity/Sponsorship/">www.conexus.ca/AboutConexus/OurCommunity/Sponsorship/</a>
<b>School Grounds Greening Grants (Toyota)</b>	\$500-3500	Sep	<a href="http://www.evergreen.ca/get-involved/funding-opportunities/school-ground-grants/">www.evergreen.ca/get-involved/funding-opportunities/school-ground-grants/</a>
<b>Saputo</b>	Not Specified	Sponsorship and donation committee meets every quarter ( <b>Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct</b> ). Requests should be made well in advance of the start date of the project. Any request made less than four (4) weeks before the event or project start date will receive an automatic refusal letter.	<a href="http://saputo.sponsor.com/">saputo.sponsor.com/</a>
<b>Whole Kids Foundation: Canadian School Gardens Grant</b>	\$2000	Opens Sep 1 <sup>st</sup> , closes Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/programs/school-gardens-canada">www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/programs/school-gardens-canada</a>
<b>Mountain Equipment Co-Op Community Contributions</b>	\$5000-35,000	Mid-Mar	<a href="http://www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Community/CommunityContributions/ApplyForSupport.jsp">www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Community/CommunityContributions/ApplyForSupport.jsp</a>
<b>SK Outdoors grant</b>	\$500	Deadlines Mar 15 and Oct 15	<a href="http://saskoutdoors.org/pages/grants">saskoutdoors.org/pages/grants</a>
<b>Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants</b>	\$2,000-25,000	Spring cycle: Dec 18-Feb 12; Fall cycle: Aug 1-Sep 26	<a href="http://responsibility.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/">responsibility.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/</a>

If you are in the Moose Jaw - South Central area and require support to write a grant, or to start and/or maintain a school garden, contact the Yara Community Gardens Coordinator at [gardens.hungermj@sasktel.net](mailto:gardens.hungermj@sasktel.net) or (306) 692-1916.

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