



The ICSP Selection Panel is pleased to announce the Community Micro Grant Recipients for 2013. The panel has selected the following projects based on their ability to:

- ✓ Move toward achieving goals and actions as laid out in the [City's Sustainability Plan](#)
- ✓ Improve the visibility and knowledge of the [City's Sustainability Plan](#)
- ✓ Contribute to actions that foster principles of sustainable development and sustainability principles in decision making.
- ✓ Foster community partnerships and collaboration
- ✓ Engage community members in fun, meaningful and impactful projects that create an awareness of the importance and value of the [City's Sustainability Plan](#)

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After School Bridge

Grant \$500

THE PROJECT

Bridge is a complicated game that within proven capacity to improve math skills, especially in young learners. It is a partnership game with rules of etiquette that develop cooperation between partners and healthy competition with opponents. Bridge is a valuable social activity that, once learned, can be enjoyed throughout one's lifetime.

GOAL A bridge program was started in Kinkora in the fall of 2011 and has expanded to include one City school – West Royalty. The goal is to further expand the program to other City schools through the purchase of materials necessary to bring bridge to young students in Charlottetown.

WHY WE LOVE IT This project brings seniors and young people together in a fun (but structured) environment, providing a learning opportunity for City students and a connection for them to an experienced social community with whom, they don't normally interact. It also provides a meaningful chance for City seniors to share their knowledge, experience and time in a valuable way.

CONNECT: Irene MacArthur & Ann Greyborn

PEI Ground Search & Rescue Family Fun Day

Grant \$1,000

THE PROJECT

The PEI Ground Search and Rescue will host their first annual "Search and Rescue Family Fun Day". The event will offer lively educational activities focusing on survival techniques, such as: Hug a Tree; beginner map and compass class & scavenger hunt; knot tying; emergency shelter tips & shelter building; radio tracking system demonstration; geocaching; and first aid. RCMP vehicles and helicopter will be on display as well as the Police Dog Service team.

GOAL To teach individuals of all ages survival skills should they find themselves lost in the wilderness. These skills will encourage Charlottetown residents to feel safe and comfortable while being active and enjoying the great outdoors.

WHY WE LOVE IT This project promotes healthy active lifestyles and will provide City residents with the skills and the confidence to get outside, be active and explore the natural environment within and beyond the City borders. This hands-on day will be full of fun for everyone.

CONNECT: Cindy Ross-MacLean & Ken Hall ::: PEI Ground Search & Rescue

Empowering Youth Through Knowledge

Grant \$2,000

THE PROJECT

City residents will be provided a unique opportunity this summer as Charlottetown hosts the 2013 Canadian River Heritage Conference in Charlottetown from June 16-19. This project focuses on City youth, facilitating a knowledge transfer on Island environmental issues and history by giving a group of young people from the Charlottetown area an opportunity to attend the conference. The youth delegates will participate in several conference activities, including: field trips and history sessions.

The youth delegates will guide two sessions: the first will take place before the conference and will bring the youth together to learn about the City of Charlottetown's Sustainability Plan and will focus on the environmental and social pillars. During second session the young people will be given the opportunity to lead the discussion and relate what they have learned back to environmental and social sustainability.

GOAL Through sponsoring these youth to learn more about the environment and history of the City of Charlottetown, we are building capacity for these young people to influence positive changes in their community in the future. This is an investment not only for the future of the young people involved in developing their skills and awareness, but also for the community as a whole.

WHY WE LOVE IT Attendance at a major international conference is a unique opportunity for City students, and this project will provide them new knowledge and a forum afterward to reflect on and share what they have learned with a broader community.

CONNECT: Conor Leggott & Don Jardine ::: Hillsborough River Association

From Little Things Big Things Grow

Grant \$2,000

THE PROJECT

Murphy's Community Centre developed a community garden space last spring, and would now like to expand the productive garden area and incorporate more sustainable design elements. The garden planted last year was maintained and attended to by the children in Centre's child care programs and The Teen Zone program. Staff at the Centre were amazed by the therapeutic and calming influence the garden had on the children who had difficulties with coping strategies. The garden calmed them and helped them with their sense of worth. Also, the garden was wonderful for pedestrians who took great joy in meeting the children and conversing with them about the beauty of gardening.

GOAL To create an enhanced and more durable garden space that will complement the current youth programming at the Murphy's Community Centre. The existing garden has proven to be very influential in helping children learn skills such as patience, coping and nurturing, as well as offering them an opportunity to develop practical skills.

WHY WE LOVE IT The project provides children an opportunity to learn a whole array of skills in a hands-on environment, and create a beautiful and productive green space in the down town core.

CONNECT: Patrick MacDonald ::: Murphy's Community Centre

Rag Tag Players Traveling Road Show Open Air Productions

Grant \$2,000

THE PROJECT

Murphy's Community Centre would like to expand on their existing theatre program. They have provided an opportunity for children to show their talents on stage with their Rag Tag Players program, which is a basic introduction to theatrical arts for the children players. Rag Tag Players will present "The Fairy Tales of Brothers Grimm" and "The Fables of Aesop". These are small pieces that will be performed in the open air for anyone see.

GOAL To give the Theatre Program more exposure as well as to provide the participants with the practical skills of producing, developing and delivering a traveling road show that performs open air in unconventional venues. Charlottetown has rich tradition of theatre arts and by providing children with an opportunity to participate in such a project, continues to build our cultural tradition.

WHY WE LOVE IT This project offers children an opportunity to experience theatre first hand from production to performance. They will be assisting in all aspects of production and will get to travel throughout the City performing and sharing their skills and talents.

CONNECT: Patrick MacDonald ::: Murphy's Community Centre

Project Dog ID

Grant \$1,000

THE PROJECT

This project will enable residents of Charlottetown to attend one of two microchipping clinics, obtain a dog license and permanent microchip identification for their dog at no charge.

GOAL To provide pet owners a no-cost opportunity to have their dogs microchip identified. Dog licensing is an important part of responsible pet ownership and a proven method to maintain a safe and healthy community. Lost dogs wearing proper identification are more quickly returned to their owners, reducing the time they are loose in the public domain, where they could injure another person or animal or become injured themselves.

WHY WE LOVE IT There are currently no no-cost opportunities for Charlottetown residents to obtain a dog license and permanent microchip ID for their pets. This is a pro-active way to reduce stray dogs in the City and is a wonderful public education opportunity about responsible pet ownership.

CONNECT: Kelly Mullaly & Beckie MacLean ::: PEI Humane Society

Seeds of Community

Grant \$1,500

THE PROJECT

The project will facilitate food sovereignty through interactive workshops, network building, and urban garden demonstration sites. These initiatives will build community awareness, skills, knowledge and resources of the traditional practice of seed saving and seed sovereignty among Charlottetown's gardeners. Events will be held in the spring, summer and late fall to distribute, grow, save and share seed. These initiatives will also involve learning about the importance of pollination and how to create habitat friendly to indigenous pollinator insects. The community garden will serve as an active workshop space and multi-year demonstration site through the use of mason bee houses and installing indigenous pollinating perennials. This project will also facilitate the development and growth of PEI's first seed library in collaboration with Heart Beet Organics. These collaborative initiatives will build towards a long term, vibrant culture of sustainable food production in Charlottetown and serve as a pilot collaboration with regional and national networks of organic, seed security organizations.

GOAL This project will encourage urban agriculture and food security by making vegetable seeds available to community members without cost. It will also create programming around the existing Desbrisay Community Garden, thereby increasing the vitality of this community space.

WHY WE LOVE IT Seeds of Community will help create greater awareness of global seed issues, connect local neighbourhood projects with national networks, and create systems of sustainability and resilience. Within the City of Charlottetown, this project will make urban agriculture initiatives more sustainable by reducing the costs of seed, entrenching urban agricultural networks, and encouraging long-term garden planning. This project is a collaboration that can not only build seed saving skills among Charlottetown gardeners, but like a seed planted in fertile ground, can grow through relationships of cross sector collaboration to become part of a nation-wide movement for Canadian seed security.

CONNECT: Josie Baker & Ann Wheatley ::: Cooper Institute

Solar Shelter Workshop

Grant \$1,000

THE PROJECT

Is a weekend workshop on designing and building solar shelters, including greenhouses, solaria, additions and especially solar homes. This practical how-to course intended for the general public and for those in design and construction; will be delivered by experts such as, Don Roscoe of Solar Nova

Scotia, widely acclaimed master designer and builder of solar structures. The workshop will begin with the basics and culminate in a shelter design exercise as outlined:

1. Solar Basics - Solar for electricity, active and passive solar for heat and hot water
2. Climate Control - for comfort and health, energy and the environment
3. Site Designing - working with nature
4. Shelter Designing - bringing you, your needs and your site together
5. Making it Happen - costing, controlling costs, contracting, doing it yourself, case studies and other approaches

GOAL This workshop will educate the residents of Charlottetown on low-energy home design, that maximize the use of solar energy and affordable construction techniques.

WHY WE LOVE IT This project serves a practical need for how-to education and instruction on best practices for energy efficient solar housing; building efficient housing is a very important part of reducing energy demand for the City.

CONNECT: Tony Reddin & Gary Schneider ::: Eco PEI

The Mermaid & the Droplets (a tale of water wellness)

Grant \$1,000

THE PROJECT

A performance of the Mermaid and The Droplets (a Tale of Water Wellness) focuses on the beauty, the problems and solutions of preserving the health of our water. By creating awareness through visual story and the magic of black light, audiences of all ages are engaged and are able to reflect on ways they can become more water wise and “water friendly”. The play will use youth actors and will be staged at the Guild.

GOAL To deliver the message of water conservation and protection through a youth focused black light theatre performance.

WHY WE LOVE IT This project connects young performers in our City to the fundamental cultural fabric of this place and creates an awareness of the significance of water protection and conservation for families, young people and visitors to our City.

CONNECT: Julia Sauve