



2022-2023

## Community Garden Support Program



Gardeners teaching local youth at a community garden in Gander.  
(Photo courtesy of G. Hoskins)

**Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
Agriculture Business Development Division**

## Program Overview

The objectives of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture's Community Garden Support Program are to increase:

- Food self-sufficiency
- Access to fresh foods
- Consumption of fruits and vegetables
- Awareness and appreciation of the importance of local food production and the agriculture sector.

The department budgeted \$100,000 in 2022-23 to establish and/or enhance new and existing community gardens throughout the province with funding allocated from the Provincial Agrifoods Assistance Program. The program contributes to the Provincial Government's commitment to increase food self-sufficiency in Newfoundland and Labrador. Grants remained at the \$750 maximum award level established in 2021-22.

The Community Garden Support Program was open for applications on April 12, 2022, and fully subscribed within five weeks of program release.

Eligible project costs included operating and minor capital costs required to establish new community gardens, or to maintain or expand existing community gardens. Successful applicants used funding to purchase building materials for raised beds, greenhouses and fencing; soil and amendments; various tools; watering systems; garden signage; seeds and transplants; and shrubs and fruit-bearing trees.

The program helps expand and increase the number of gardeners that grow their own food and help maintain existing facilities for residents to provide growing spaces. These gardens increase appreciation and awareness of local food production, food security and food self-sufficiency. School children and community residents benefit from increased access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown foods.

The department registered 142 applications and approved 134 (see Table 2, a summary of all successful applicants), for a total investment of \$100,000. The Community Garden Support Program invested in establishing 29 new community gardens and enhancing 105 existing community gardens. Applicants reported that approximately 7,000 people participated in and benefited from community garden projects, including youth, seniors, families and Indigenous groups (see Table 1).

**Table 1: Categorization of successful applicants to the 2022-23 CGSP**

<b>Applicant Category</b>	<b>Number of Successful Applicants</b>
Municipality/Local Service District	63
School*	10
Senior Group	8
Indigenous Group	6
Youth Group	10
Other Community Organization	37

\* Includes Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, Conseil Scolaire Francophone Provincial, post-secondary, and private schools included in the “school” category.

The 2022-23 Community Garden Support Program tested a compliance measure by having applicants supply a final report of activities. Of the 134 successful applicants, 106 provided these reports or emailed activity updates in lieu. In general, comments on the Community Garden Support Program from respondents were favourable. The funding helps individuals, children, seniors, and other community members learn to grow and/or access nutritious, locally grown produce. All respondents touted the benefits to their community/school/organization. Selected photos from the 2022-23 Community Garden Support Program Final Reports are shown below.

**Picture 1:** Freshly painted garden boxes being filled with soil at the Cormack Community Garden. The Town of Cormack received \$750 to purchase amendments, seeds/transplants, fruit trees, small tools, and signage. Each year, this garden is planted and maintained by children in a summer program. They bring home all harvested crops to their families including tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, beans, peas, root vegetables, leafy greens, and much more.



**Picture 2:** Meadows Community Garden has an accessible boardwalk path and raised beds to accommodate the mobility impaired. This garden received \$750 to purchase lumber, soil and amendments. Participants used these materials to build two additional accessible beds for mobility impaired individuals. Food grown in this garden is harvested for the individuals/families that tend the boxes, with some excess produce shared with others. Gardeners produce root vegetables, squash, beans, leafy greens, tomatoes, and herbs.



**Picture 3:** Some of the participants of the Eriksson Crescent Community Garden, which makes the most of community space by being located on a neighbourhood pedestrian walkway. This group received \$750 to purchase lumber, soil, buckets, and a rain barrel. With this funding and generous local donations they were able to establish a new garden with multiple raised beds to grow root vegetables, leafy greens, tomatoes, peppers, garlic and much more for more than 20 local households.



**Picture 4:** Gander Community Garden showing a bountiful fall harvest of freshly washed and sorted vegetables. The Town of Gander received \$750 to purchase soil, amendments, seed, transplants, water hoses and signage. Their garden beds are made available to local residents and school groups to grow crops of their own choosing, including, but not limited to, root vegetables, beans, peas, corn and onions.



**Table 2. Successful CGSP applicants during the 2022-23 year.**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Items Purchased</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$ CAD)</b>
The Whiteway Fifty-Plus Club Inc	Soil and amendments, seed, watering cans, small tools.	750
Codroy Valley Community Service Garden	Fruit trees - apple, peach, plum	750
Joe Batts Arm Recreation Inc	Watering system, bed expansion, caribou fencing	750
Grand Falls-Windsor Community Garden Inc.	Watering system - pex piping, various outlets	750
Pouch Cove Community Garden Committee Inc.	Lumber, pots, trays, soil, amendments, small tools	750
Vine Place Community Centre Inc.	Soil, seeds, pots, hand tools, pest management, labeling	750
Western Environment Centre Inc	Soil amendments	750
NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation Inc	Soil amendments and seed	750
Town of Port au Choix	Greenhouse construction	750
Town of Humber Arm South	Lumber, fasteners, soil, amendments, seeds, plants	750
North River Town Council	Lumber, fasteners, soil	750
Tessier Park Neighbourhood Association	Fruit shrubs, tools, companion plants	750
NunatuKavut Community Council Greenhouse/Garden	Lumber, fasteners, soil, amendments	750
Town of Bishop's Falls	Lumber, fasteners, soil, amendments	750
Mary Queen of Peace Elementary	Soil, watering system, hand tools	750
East Point Elementary School	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, plants, hoop coverings	750
La Scie Town Council	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, plants, trees	750
North Shore Early Childhood Association	Lumber, soil, amendments, labour	750
Exploits Valley Intermediate School	Small greenhouse, lumber, soil, seeds, plants	750
Shamrock 50+ Club Inc	Soil, amendments, tools, plants.	750
Town of Glovertown	Lumber, soil, amendments	750

Innu Integrated Diabetes Initiative	Trays, carts, hand tools	750
Hospital School - Hope Valley Centre	Lumber, soil, fruit trees and bushes	750
Friends of Pippy Park Inc.	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Town of Gillams	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Stella Maris Academy	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed	750
Town of Robert's Arm	Lumber, fish tubs, soil, amendments, small tools, pest/weed exclusion	750
Town Council of Beachside	Soil	750
Salmonier South 50+ Social Club	Soil, amendments, composters, perennial berry shrubs	750
Town Council of Point Lance	Soil amendments, seed, small tools, equipment rental	750
Town of Branch	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, small tools, wheel barrow	750
Town Council of Meadows	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Whitbourne Town Council	Soil, amendments	750
The Victoria Heritage/Tourism Society Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Town of Burgeo	Lumber, soil, seed, site development	750
Frederickton Local Improvement Committee Inc.	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, seed	750
Town of Burlington	Soil, amendments, pots, trays, small tools, seed	750
Henry Gordon Academy	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds	750
Bay Roberts Town Council	Soil amendments, fruit trees and shrubs	750
Town Council of Hughes Brook	Lumber, small greenhouse, pots, trays, hand tools, watering cans.	750
Summerford & Area Age Friendly Corporation	Soil, amendments, seed, hand tools	750
Beau Bois Heritage Committee Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments, hand tools	750
L'Association Communautaire Franc. De Saint-Jean Inc	Soil, amendments, irrigation system, landscape fabric, seed	750
Burgeo First Nation Inc	Soil, amendments, seed, pots/containers, small tools	750
Sunnyside 50 + Club Inc	Soil and amendments	750

Pikes Arm Community Development Committee	Soil, amendements, containers, plants, small tools	750
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carbonear Food Bank	Soil, amendements, seeds, small tools.	750
Eriksson Crescent Community Garden	Lumber, soil, buckets, water barrel	750
Too Good Arm Community Committee	Lumber, soil, seed, bed hoop coverings	750
Cape Broyle Church Garden Inc	Soil, amendements, seed, equipment rental, fruit trees/shrubs	750
Municipality of Trinity Bay North	Soil, amendements, seed, composters	750
Southern Labrador Development Association	Tillage costs, road repair	750
Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights	Soil, amendements, seed trays, hand tools, sprayers	750
55 Plus Association Inc	Lumber, soil, amendements	750
Town of Lawn	Soil, amendements, seed	750
Lethbridge and Area LSD	Soil amendements, seed, small tools	750
Pacquet Town Council	Lumber, soil, amendements, fencing, compost bin	750
Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's	Lumber, fastenings, soil, amendements	750
Town of Fogo Island	Labour/equipment rental, soil amendements, signage	750
Smallwood Era Development Corporation	Lumber, soil, amendements	750
Whiteway Community Council	Soil, amendements, seed, small tools, bed maintenance	750
Avondale Recreation Committee Inc	Lumber, soil, amendements	750
Fleur de Lys Town Council	Lumber, soil, amendements	750
Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm	Lumber, labour, soil, amendements, seed/plants/trees, small tools, fencing	750
Chapel Restoration Committee - Blackhead Cape Spear Inc	Lumber, soil, amendements, watering system	750
Tourism Bell Island Inc	Lumber, soil, amendements, seed, labour, spots, trays	750
Arnold's Cove Town Council	Soil, amendements	750
Anglican Homes Incorporated	Lumber, soil, amendements	750

Englee Town Council	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, planters.	750
Town of Channel-Port Aux Basques	Weed removal tools	750
Town of Heart's Desire	Lumber, soil, amendments, water tank	750
Town of Pool's Cove	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Lewisporte Town Council	Site clearing, lumber, soil, paving	750
Local Service District of Smith's Harbour Inc	Soil, amendments, seed	750
Organization for Community Action Initiatives Inc.	Soil amendments, watering system, fruit trees	750
Long Cove Harbour Authority Inc.	Land clearing, soil, amendments	750
Spruce Hills Community Church	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, water system	750
Town of Badger	Lumber, tools, lawn mower, watering equipment	750
Town of St. Lawrence	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Logy Bay Development Association Inc	Watering system	750
Goose Bay Military Family Resource Centre Inc	Lumber, amendments, seed, pots, signage	750
Boys and Girls Club of Norris Arm Inc	Soil, amendments, fruit and veg transplants, watering system	750
First Light St. John's Friendship Centre Inc.	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, pots, transplants/seed	750
St Paul's Anglican Church (Goulds)	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Town Council of Middle Arm	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed/transplants, watering system	750
Town Council of Miles Cove	Soil, stone, watering system, small tools, signage	750
Dorset Collegiate	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, grow lights, various tools	750
Iris Kirby House	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, small tools, signage	750
Kilbride to Ferryland Family Resource Coalition Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Town of Hant's Harbour	Lumber, soil, amendments, watering system, crushed stone, seed, fruit trees	750
Town of Botwood	Lumber, soil, amendments, signage	750
Gros Morne Academy	Lumber, soil, amendments, plastic sheeting, seed, small tools	750



Town of Flatrock	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, watering system, signage, trees/shrubs	750
Town of Milltown - Head of Bay d'Espoir	Lumber, plastic, equipment rental, transplants/trees/shrubs	750
GNP Community Place Corporation	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, seed	750
Flat Bay Band Incorporated	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, transplants	750
The Tree House Family Resource Centre	Watering system	750
Lakeside Academy School	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed	750
Cowan Heights United Church	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Youth 2000 Centre (Y2C) Corporation	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, small tools, portable greenhouse	750
Exploits Valley Young Men Christian Association	Soil, amendments, seed, transplants, small tools, greenhouse	750
Swift Current/Black River 50 Plus Club	Lumber, soil amendments	750
Isle aux Morts Town Council	Lumber, soil, amendments, seeds, potting trays	750
Mary's Harbour Town Council	Soil, amendments, lumber, plastic sheeting	750
Benoit First Nation Inc	Amendments, seed, equipment rental, tools, fencing, labour	750
Town of Cormack	Amendments, seeds/transplants, fruit trees, small tools, signage	750
La Federation des Francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador	Greenhouse construction	750
The Lions Club of Channel-Port-Aux-Basques	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed	750
Summerside Lions Club	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, hand tools	750
Town of Old Perlican	Lumber, soil, amendments, fencing	750
Woodland Elementary	Small tools, watering system	750
Rencontre East Community Council	Amendments, seed, fencing materials, lumber, plastic sheeting	750
Town of Gander	Soil, amendments, seed, transplants, water hoses, signage	750
Town of South Brook	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
Hazelwood Elementary	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, transplants, pots, trays, small tools	750

Town of Irishtown-Summerside	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed	750
Common Ground Community Development Corporation	Amendments, seed/transplants, watering system, labour	750
Social Butterflies 50 Plus Club Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed/transplants	750
Town of L'Anse au Clair	Soil, amendments, tools, seed	750
Brian Peckford Primary School	Lumber, soil, amendments, mini greenhouse, fruit trees	750
The Lions Club of Stephenville, NL	Lumber, plastic sheeting, amendments, soil testing, watering system	750
Brimstone Culture and Historical Society Inc.	Lumber, soil, amendments, composters	750
East Meadows Community Garden	Amendments, seed, fruit shrubs, watering system, small tools composter	750
Local Service District of Pollard's Point	Lumber, soil, amendments, small tools, signage	750
Holy Heart of Mary High School	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed, watering system	750
Paradise Elementary School	Lumber, soil, seed, trays/pots	750
North Harbour Amateur Sports Commission Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments, seed/transplants	750
Empower The Disability Resource Centre Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments	750
St. Anthony and Area Boys and Girls Club Inc	Lumber, soil, amendments, greenhouse	750
Town of Mount Carmel-Mitchells Brook-St.Catherines	Soil, amendments, fencing, labour	750
Town of Rocky Harbour	Soil, amendments, stone	750
Placentia West Heritage Committee Inc	Soil, amendments, stone, seeds/transplants, small tools	500
L'Heritage de l'île Rouge Inc	Watering system	500