

# 2019 Community Garden Support Program

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## Program Overview

The Community Garden Support Program was launched in April 2019 by the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources with the objectives to:

- Increase food self-sufficiency;
- Increase access to fresh foods;
- Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables; and
- Increase awareness and appreciation of the importance of local food production and the agriculture sector.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources budgeted \$100,000 in 2019-20 to establish new community gardens and enhance existing community gardens throughout the province. The Community Garden Support Program contributed to The Way Forward – Agriculture Sector Work Plan and the goal to increase food self-sufficiency to at least 20 per cent by 2022 in Newfoundland and Labrador. The program increased awareness and appreciation of the importance of local food production and the agriculture sector.



Community groups, organizations, municipalities and local service districts were eligible to receive up to \$500 annually in a non-repayable grant for food production activities. Eligible project costs included operating and minor capital costs required to establish new community gardens, or maintain and expand existing community gardens within the province.

Funding was used to purchase seed, fertilizer, limestone, soil, vegetable plants and fruit trees, small tools, watering systems, construction materials for raised beds and greenhouses, garden signage and compost.

The department received 106 applications and approved 101 eligible applicants (see attached listing) for a total investment of \$50,486. The Community Garden Support Program invested in the establishment of 23 new community gardens and enhanced 78 existing community gardens. Applicants reported that more than 3,500 people participated and benefited from the community gardens including youth, seniors, and Indigenous groups.

School gardens were used for educational purposes to teach children about how their food is grown. Other community gardens were able to expand and increase the number of gardeners growing their own food, creating a better appreciation and awareness of local food production and food security. Communities benefited from increased access to fresh and nutritious locally grown foods.

The Town of Humber Arm South, on behalf of the Humber Arm South 50+ Club, used the program funding to purchase compost, fertilizer, limestone, transplants, seeds, small garden tools and row cover and hose to construct hoop houses to grow vegetables.



Gardeners grew squash, peppers, tomatoes, and carrots. The president of the Humber Arm 50+ Club, Maureen Parsons, noted that “There was increased social interaction, increased physical activity, increased gardening knowledge and at least one good crop of carrots.” The garden was established “to increase seniors intake of fresh fruit and vegetables, share gardening expertise and increase awareness of local food production.”

The Rabbittown Community Centre in St. John’s used the funding to purchase seeds, seedlings, soil and fertilizer. Fifty people were involved throughout the summer and fall and grew many different crops including potatoes, carrots, onions, peppers, leeks, peas, rhubarb, cabbage, pumpkin, squash and zucchini.

The Flat Bay Band Inc. on the west coast of the island had 11 youth tend their community garden throughout the summer and they successfully grew potatoes, carrots, turnip, asparagus, and fruits such as apples, plums, and strawberries. The harvest was distributed through vegetable baskets to seniors in the community and remaining vegetables will be used in a community feast in late October.

Funding for the 2019-20 Community Garden Support Program was sourced from the Provincial Agrifoods Assistance Program.

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## 2019-20 Community Garden Support Program Recipients

Applicant	Project Details	Amount Expended
Brian Peckford Primary	Cold frames and greenhouse	\$500
Jane Collins Academy	Raised beds, seed and soil	\$500
Town of Chanel Port Aux Basques	Soil for 20 new raised beds	\$500
James Hornell Boys & Girls Club Inc.	Soil, lime and fertilizer	\$500
Town of Bishop's Falls	Planters, pots and trays, seeds, tools, fencing and pathways	\$500
Cape Freels Heritage Trust Inc.	Greenhouse	\$500
Town of Hants Harbour	Soil and materials for raised beds	\$500
Carmanville Habitat Committee Inc.	Raised beds, composting bins, seed and soil	\$500
The Cape Freels Development Association	Fertilizer, containers, plants/trees, and tools	\$500
Hare Bay/Dover Lions Club	Soil, fertilizer, tilling and seeds. Rental of equipment	\$500
Tourism Bell Island Inc.	Fertilizer and raised beds	\$500
Town of North River	Wheelbarrow, hose and tools	\$500
Town of Fortune	Planters and seeds	\$500
Town of Traytown	Soil, raised beds, and equipment	\$500
Town of Meadows	Soil, compost and lime	\$500
The Tree House Family Resource Centre Inc.	Walkway to garden	\$500
Sunnyside 50 + Club Inc.	Storage shed	\$500
Town of Pool's Cove	Wheelchair accessible planting beds	\$500
Jean de Baie Local Service District	Transplants	\$500
Town of Rencontre East	Greenhouse	\$500
Empower, The Disability Resource Centre Inc.	Seeds, vegetable, lattice, pots, trays	\$500
Town of Main Brook	Crushed stone pathway, garden signage	\$500
Town of Kippens	Topsoil and fertilizer	\$500
Environmental Education Commission	Greenhouse and outdoor faucet	\$500
Town of Mount Carmel-Mitchell's Brook-St. Catherines	Greenhouse and soil	\$500
Logy Bay Development Association Inc.	Worm castings, crab shell meal, and watering can	\$500
Bay St. George Status of Women Association Inc.	Raised beds	\$486.45
Town of Lark Harbour	Raised beds, soil and equipment	\$500

Town of Marystown	Raised beds and storage shed	\$500
Town of Fogo Island	Seeds, fertilizer, and soil	\$500
Fortune Bay North 50 Plus Inc.	Seed, soil and nets	\$500
O'Donel High School	Pumps, liquid nutrients, and piping	\$500
Twillingate Island Elementary	Seed, fertilizer, plants, and tools	\$500
Arnold's Cove Heritage Foundation Inc.	Wood for raised beds	\$500
Island Harbour 50+ Club Inc.	Soil, compost, seed, and tools	\$500
Pollard's Point Local Service District	Soil and planting beds	\$500
Town of Gander	Storage shed	\$500
Upper Gullies Elementary School	Seed, fertilizer, and tools	\$500
St. Peter's Junior High School	Soil, fertilizer, plants and trees	\$500
St. David's Community Garden	Lime, tools, seeds, and transplants	\$500
Town of Milltown - Head of Bay D'Espoir	Raised beds	\$500
City of St. John's	Beds, soil, compost, and seed	\$500
Averee's Garden-Longterm Care Project	Raised beds, seeds, and tools	\$500
Town of Pasadena	Compost and tools	\$500
EA Butler All-Grade	Raised beds	\$500
Town of King's Point	Planting beds	\$500
Town of Bay De Verde	Seeds, soil, pots and trays	\$500
Town of Humber Arm South	Soil, compost, limestone, and fertilizer	\$500
Town of Fleur De lys	Seeds, raised beds, and soil	\$500
Burnside-St. Chads Local Service District	Signage, tools, and fruit trees	\$500
Town of Come by Chance	Seeds and fencing	\$500
Salmonier South 50+ Social Club	Fertilizer and soil	\$500
MacMorran Community Centre Corp.	Greenhouse repair, and garden hose	\$500
Smallwood Era Development Corporation	Planting beds	\$500
Chapel Restoration Committee - Blackhead, Cape Spear Inc.	Fence and fruit trees	\$500
Community Association of Virginia Park Inc.	Soil	\$500
Vanier Elementary School	Fruit trees, seed, soil, and fertilizer	\$500
Daybreak Parent - Child Centre Association	Lime, fertilizer, and soil	\$500
The Gathering Place Incorporated	Soil, seeds, plants, and tools	\$500
Harbour Breton Community Youth Network Inc.	Soil, fertilizer, and seeds	\$500

Choices for Youth Inc.	Seeds, fertilizer, pots, trays, and tools	\$500
Autism Society of NL Inc.	Tools and equipment	\$500
Encouragement Club 50+	Raised beds	\$500
St. Georges Community Garden	Raised beds	\$500
Joe Batts Arm Recreation Inc.	Equipment rental	\$500
Norris Arm Boys and Girls Club Inc.	Planting beds, seed, and fertilizer	\$500
Town of Baie Verte	Raised beds	\$500
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Composting beds, worms, tools, and gravel for garden walkway	\$500
Community Food Hub Inc.	Planting beds, signage, soil, and tools	\$500
Common Ground Community Development Corporation	Greenhouse and fencing	\$500
City of Mount Pearl	Raised beds	\$500
Bay St George South Area Development Association	Tools, compost, limestone, mulch, water system, and fertilizer	\$500
Community Garden Alliance Inc.	Planting beds	\$500
Waypoints Inc.	Irrigation system	\$500
55 Plus Association Inc.	Raised beds	\$500
Flat Bay Band Incorporated	Seed, fertilizer, mulch, and tools	\$500
Colony of Avalon Foundation Inc.	Compost, manure, mulch, and garden signage	\$500
Clarenville Area Recreation Association Inc.	Planting beds, garden tools, and hose nozzle	\$500
St. Matthew's Elementary School	Fertilizer, lime, manure, and fruit trees	\$500
Youth 2000 Centre Corporation	Seeds and transportation	\$500
Rabbittown Community Centre Inc.	Lumber, seeds, and seedlings	\$500
Just for Laughs	Beds and plants	\$500
Turks Gut Heritage Conservation Inc.	Lumber, chicken wire, seeds, fertilizer, and tools	\$500
Placentia West Heritage Committee Inc.	Soil, fertilizer, beds, and tools	\$500
North Harbour Amateur Sport Commission Incorporated	Raised beds	\$500
Town of St. Anthony	Planting beds	\$500
Town of Cape St. George	Planting beds and berry bushes	\$500
Friends of Pippy Park	Storage bins, soil, beds, and manure	\$500
St. John's Native Friendship Centre Association	Planting beds	\$500
Town of Port Blandford	Peat, shrimp, sawdust compost, watering system, apple trees, and berry bushes	\$500

Frenchman's Cove Recreation Committee Inc.	Lumber, seeds, and soil	\$500
Town of Woody Point	Equipment rental, tools, and soil	\$500
Trinity Historical Society	Soil, mulch, seed, and tools	\$500
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Cape Broyle Church Garden Committee	Tools, chainsaw, equipment rental, and seeds	\$500
Association Communautaire Franc. De Saint-Jean Inc.	Seeds, fruit trees, and berry bushes	\$500
Department for Health & Social Development, Gov. of Nunatsiavut	Raised beds, lumber, and tools	\$500
Student's Union of SWGC Inc.	Beds, equipment rental, seed, and tools	\$500
Town of Harbour Grace	Soil	\$500
Town of Chapel Arm	Planting beds	\$500
Cowan Heights United Church	Beds, water supply, soil and compost	\$500