**2023 Climate Action Grant Project Summary**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project | Recipient | Grant | Project Description |
| Public Produce Project | Mount Paul Community Food Centre | $ 1,900 | Fruit trees and native bushes were purchased and added to the educational garden. The area is accessible to the public and the new plants improved public food access and highlighted local food production. |
| Stewardship: Living sustainably Support the Wellbeing of Self, Community and the Earth Project | Four Directions Secondary | $ 1,750 | An irrigation system and a rain barrel were installed in the school garden. Composting collection was expanded throughout the school with new classroom bins and a new composter. All students were provided with a reusable water bottle to reduce the use of single used plastics in the school. |
| Butler Urban Farm, Education and Healthy Urban Ecosystems and Circular Waste Systems Project | Kamloops Food Policy Council | $ 1,750 | Workshops and site visits were hosted for schools, community organisations and the public. This included harvesting produce, planting seedlings, creating snacks with fresh produce, and completing nature-based art projects. Workshops on native seed saving, botanical distillation and how to build a garden trellis were also provided. New educational signage was installed to allow for self guided tours on the farm to learn about healthy urban ecosystems and composting. |
| Kamloops Community Forest Project | Kamloops Hybrid Interact Club (Rotary Youth Group) | $1,074.74 | A community planting event was hosted with educational booths, family activities and refreshments. A trembling aspen and five rough fescue grasses were planted. A second planting event was hosted to plant the remaining trees that were purchased. |
| Grow Wild: Learning Cohort Project | Kamloops Naturalist Club | $1,750 | Assembled a learning cohort with a distribution list of 102 residents. Hosted a presentation by Eva Durance, author of "Cultivating the Wild" with 55 participants. Hosted various public outreach events and workshop and distributed native plant plugs and seeds. The project was expanded by working with the Thompson-Shuswap Master Gardeners on publishing a pamphlet on appropriate native plant species for Kamloops gardeners. |
| Composting at l’Ecole Elementaire South Sahali Project | South Sahali Elementary | $1,204.59 | A total of nine classroom teachers participated in the composting program, with an additional bucket in the staff room. The Leadership Group took on the responsibility to empty classroom bins into the larger compost bin and rolled the large bin down to the collection site for weekly pickups. The team created educational posters to educate staff and students about what is accepted in both the composting bins and recycling bins to expand education around waste generated through the Hot Lunch program. |
| Sustainability Stories Project | Transition Kamloops | $1,200.06 | Completed three sustainability stories, with one story having an extended version. The stories were promoted in the spring of 2024. |
| Repair Café Events | Transition Kamloops  Repair Cafe | $ 1,980 | Volunteers hosted four repair cafes events for the public, with 65% of the repairs being successful. In addition, a demonstration session was hosted. The group also attended two promotional events at the Farmers' Market and Memorial Cup Sustainability Expo. An appreciation event was also held for the volunteers. |
| Zero Waste at the Market Project | Farmers’ Market | $ 1,550 | The market introduced waste stations with the goal to achieve zero waste through a pack-it-in, pack-it -out approach and a waste-reduction strategy with the vendors, by transitioning to compostable and reusable packaging. In addition, a practicum student from TRU educated the vendors about waste reduction to increase diversion rates amongst the vendors at the Market. |
| Pollinators Garden Project | Rotary Rivers E-Club | $ 855.07 | Planted pollinator gardens at the Kamloops Wildlife Park near the Education Centre. |