

Garden and Growbox

Funding Sources for Schools

Overview

Several organizations provide funding for Alberta school and community gardens. The funding sources listed here are a starting point for teachers; information should be confirmed with each funding organization.

TABLE: GARDEN FUNDING SOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

Funding Program	Description
Little Green Thumbs	This program for teachers supplies the equipment for indoor garden boxes and provides training and support to ensure they can maximize the use of this resource in the classroom. In Alberta, the program is currently offered in the Edmonton region only.
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant	This national charity funds environmental projects across Canada. They provide funding for project that focus on environmental education and green space programs. Community gardens and schoolyard greening are specifically mentioned as being eligible.
Emerald Youth Grant program	Alberta Emerald Foundation fund this program that empowers students and youth to make their dream environmental projects a reality. School garden projects that support environmental programs and initiatives may be eligible.
Farm to School grant program	Whole Kids Foundation, Farm to Cafeteria Canada and their partners offer a Farm to School grant program to schools across Canada. The grants support bringing local harvest to schools, including growing the vegetables themselves.
BP A+ for Energy grant	This grant provides funding for projects that can demonstrate measurable greenhouse gas emission reductions and meaningful student engagement. While not a gardening-specific grant, school gardens may be eligible if they demonstrate that, by growing their own food, students are reducing emissions.