



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 5280-01
PC: Terry Barton, Director, Planning & Community Services **DATE:** March 27, 2024
Roy Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning
FROM: Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
SUBJECT: 2024 SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The existing City of Vernon Sustainability Grants program is available to individuals and organizations to develop projects that address climate change and environmental sustainability in Vernon. The following table outlines the most recent projects funded by the Sustainability Grants Program.

Intake Period	Description	Grant Amounts
2022 fall intake	Recycling plastic into plastic feedstocks for new products	\$1000
	Vernon area wetlands inventory	\$1000
2022 spring intake	Green Timbers community garden development	\$500
	Nurses, citizen science, and climate change impacts on community health	\$500
	Pollinator pathway project	\$1000

\$25,500 has been approved in the 2024 Long Range Planning Department budget for this program. Historically, up to \$1,000 has been provided per grant. It is recommended that the maximum amount be increased to \$2,000 to allow for the potential of more impactful projects. Additional information about the program is provided in Attachment 1 – Sustainability Grants Program Summary.

At its meeting of March 27, 2024, the Climate Action Advisory Committee adopted the following supportive resolution:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council increase the amount of money accessible through the sustainability grants program.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council amends the Sustainability Grants Program and endorses increasing the maximum grant amount to \$2,000 per grant, as outlined in the memorandum titled "2024 Sustainability Grants Program", dated March 27, 2024, and respectfully submitted by the Specialist, Climate Action.

Respectfully submitted:



Kevin McCarty
Specialist, Climate Action

Attachment 1 – 2024 Sustainability Grants Program Summary

Approved for the Agenda by the CAO 