

**SUSTAINABILITY INDICATOR PROJECT WORKSHEET**

Country / State:	Canada
Name and address of institution / organisation:	City of Vancouver, 453 W 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Title of project / indicator theme / issue**Environmental Grants Program – Fostering community action for the environment****Brief description of the main problems / challenges (to be approached by the initiative)**

The Environmental Grants Program seeks to involve neighbourhoods, communities and groups in activities that protect and enhance the environment. Often, the general public looks to governments to carry out this mandate – this program brings home the message that individuals and communities need to be involved in environmental protection.

Brief description of the causes to the problem / driving forces

Vancouver citizens are generally strong supporters of protection of the environment, but are inclined to leave actions to the government or environmental groups. City Council identified in 1990 the benefit of supporting worthy projects at the neighbourhood level by establishing a \$250,000 (CDN) fund from Solid Waste Capital Reserve to award funding (up to \$50,000) for these projects.

Used Indicators

\$ awarded per year for Community Environmental action (\$/capita).
of projects completed under Environmental Grants program

Objectives in general

Increase involvement of individuals and communities in solving their local environmental problems.

Objectives in specific

Support worthy environmental protection/enhancement projects

Efforts done or planned

Over the years the Environmental Grants program has awarded more than half a million dollars (CDN) to support more than 15 projects at the neighbourhood and community level. The uses of the fund are being reviewed with a view to supporting broader sustainability initiatives as the local level.

Graphical presentation of time related progress on selected indicators**How to get further information**

For more information contact the City of Vancouver, Special Office for the Environment at 604-736-2866 or through environmental_health@vrhb.bc.ca