



**The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**C O U N C I L   R E P O R T**

June 23, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
AUTHOR: Emily Cormier, Sustainability Coordinator  
DEPARTMENT: Community Development and Enterprise Services  
RE: Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Program  
Applications 2025 Q1 Intake

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of recommendations from the Environmental Sustainability Committee for the distribution of Community Development Fund (CDF) – Green Initiatives Program funds.

**Background**

The purpose of the Green Initiatives Program Community Development Fund (CDF) is to support green initiatives that result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), improve water quality / rehabilitation, increase energy efficiency, healthy and resilient ecosystems, including habitat restoration, active transportation, and waste reduction.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie's (the City) Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) is responsible for making recommendations for the allocation of funds for eligible projects or programs that support the City's environmental plans and practices. Funding applications are reviewed by the ESC in accordance with the CDF – Green Initiatives Program guidelines and are accepted in four quarterly intakes throughout the year. Total remaining funds available for all projects under the CDF – Green Initiatives Program in 2025 is \$54,164.

**Analysis**

The Save Our Young Adults (SOYA) Community Garden project includes rebuilding the Étienne Brulé Community Garden in Captain Nichola Goddard Park. The garden holds 22 garden beds that have reached the end of their lifespan and also includes building a perimeter fence to protect the garden beds. Funding is sought to help pay for the new garden beds and fence, as well as equipment and tools as well as amenities for the garden.

**Financial Implications**

The 2025 Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Fund currently has an uncommitted balance of \$54,164 available to support the \$13,492 requested for the project, leaving a balance of \$40,672 for the remainder of 2025.

**Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact**

The project recommendations support the sustainable growth value and quality of life and infrastructure focus areas of the Community Strategic Plan for 2024 – 2027 by encouraging sustainable options, enhancing green spaces, investing in recreation, and seeking opportunities to implement sustainable solutions.

In addition, the applications support actions in the Sault Ste. Marie Community GHG Reduction Plan: 2020 – 2030, including:

- Encouraging the preservation of natural areas
- Environmental Stewardship

**Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated June 23, 2025 concerning Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Program Applications 2025 Q1 Intake be received and that the recommendations of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to support the Save Our Young Adults (SOYA) Community Garden Project in the amount of \$13,492 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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