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### **2019 Sustainability Grants launched to encourage community participation**

The City of Vernon is launching the 2019 Sustainability Grants program to encourage community participation in sustainable action while recognizing current and ongoing sustainability projects in Vernon. Small grants up to \$1000 will be available as an incentive to accelerate sustainability projects led by Vernon residents, youth, non-profit organizations and community groups.

"The Sustainability Grant program provides an opportunity for the community to get involved and build their own ideas from the ground up," said Mayor Victor Cumming. "Projects could include establishing or improving a neighbourhood community garden, building educational or demonstration displays of conservation, or undertaking energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction projects."

Applications for the Sustainability Grants will be accepted until March 11 and recommendations will be reviewed by City Council. Applications will be evaluated on how the proposed projects help achieve the City's sustainability goals, who the project would benefit, and the overall impact of the project on the community. Selected grant recipients will be announced after March 25, and will have until the end of 2019 to complete their projects.

The City's sustainability goals include ecosystem and ecological conservation, energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction, local food and agriculture production, water quality protection and conservation, stewardship and sustainability.

Additional program information and application will be available at [www.vernon.ca/sustainability](http://www.vernon.ca/sustainability).