

1. Community Environmental Projects Grant Program Expansion

Expansion du Programme de subventions aux projets communautaires liés à l'environnement

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve a dedicated funding stream for waste avoidance, reduction, and reuse initiatives within the Community Environmental Projects Grant Program, effective for the 2026 application period, as outlined in this report.

Recommandation(s) du Comité

Que le Conseil approuve une voie de financement pour les initiatives dédiées à l'évitement, à la réduction et à la réutilisation des déchets au sein du Programme de subventions aux projets communautaires liés à l'environnement, en vigueur pour les demandes de 2026, comme le précise le présent rapport.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

Direction to staff (Chair Menard)

That staff, as part of the next scheduled program review of the Community Environmental Projects Grant Program in 2027:

1. Assess the feasibility and implications of expanding eligible expenses to include staff time and operational costs incurred by community organizations to plan and implement projects receiving grant funding; and,
2. Identify options to reduce administrative burden associated with post-project reporting requirements while ensuring compliance with the requirements of the City's Grants and Contributions Policy and Procedures.

POUR L'INFORMATION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL

Instructions au personnel (président Menard)

Quel le personnel, dans le cadre du prochain examen du Programme de subventions aux projets communautaires liés à l'environnement, prévu en 2027 :

1. évalue la faisabilité et les implications d'un élargissement des dépenses admissibles afin d'inclure les heures de travail du personnel et les dépenses opérationnelles des organismes communautaires consacrées à la planification et à la réalisation des projets subventionnés; et
2. trouve des solutions pour réduire la charge administrative liée à la production de rapports après les projets tout en garantissant le respect de la Politique sur les contributions et les subventions et des procédures afférentes de la Ville.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 17 February 2026.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 17 février 2026.
2. Director's Report, Climate Change and Resiliency Services, Strategic Initiatives Departments, dated 5 February 2026 (ACS2026-SI-CCR-0001).

Rapport de la Directrice, Services des changements climatiques et de la résilience, Direction générale des initiatives stratégiques, daté le 5 février 2026 (ACS2026-SI-CCR-0001).

**Extract of Draft Minutes 22
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Le 17 février 2026**

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Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Director, Climate Change and Resiliency, Strategic Initiatives Department (SI), Rachael Jones, Program Manager, Long Term Planning, Public Works (PW), Tara Redpath, Planner III, SI and Meike Woehlert, Project Manager, Environmental Program, PW provided a presentation. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments:

- William van Geest, Executive Director, Ecology Ottawa
- Angela Keller-Herzog, Executive Director, CAFES*
- James Scott MacKillop*
- Mireille Trent, Ottawa South Eco-Action Network (OSEAN)

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

The following also responded to questions:

- Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Director, Climate Change and Resiliency, Strategic Initiatives Department (SI);
- Tara Redpath, Planner III, SI; and
- Meike Woehlert, Project Manager, Environmental Program, PW

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee carried the report as presented with a direction to staff.

Report recommendation(s)

That Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council approve a dedicated funding stream for waste avoidance, reduction, and reuse initiatives within the Community Environmental Projects Grant Program, effective for the 2026 application period, as outlined in this report.

Direction to staff (Chair Menard)

That staff, as part of the next scheduled program review of the Community Environmental Projects Grant Program in 2027:

3. Assess the feasibility and implications of expanding eligible expenses to include staff time and operational costs incurred by community organizations to plan and implement projects receiving grant funding; and,
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