

## Previous RDNO ReTHINK Waste Project Grants Awarded

### **2019**

Food Action Society: Design and installation of three large compost bins at community gardens in Vernon and Coldstream.

Interior Provincial Exhibition: Organic Waste Diversion program.

Vernon Secondary School: Repairs to a mechanical onsite composting machine.

### **2020**

City of Vernon: Compost Bin Pilot Project.

Crafting a Change: Producing reusable produce bags from repurposed fabrics.

Habitat for Humanity Okanagan: Implementation of the Kitchen Salvage Program.

Okanagan Landing Elementary School: Implementation of the Guardian of the Garbage waste reduction education program

The Greater Vernon Museum & Archives: Green initiative, which was modified during the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide online education on past and present human impacts on the natural environment of the Okanagan Valley. Plus, waste source separation bins for composting and recycling.

### **2021**

Clarence Fulton Secondary School: An expansion of the Crafting a Change Program to produce reusable produce and snack bags from clean repurposed fabrics.

City of Vernon: Extension of the City's organics collection bin program and development of materials and programming to increase understanding of composting in the community.

Habitat for Humanity: Expansion of the Kitchen Salvage program that dismantles, picks up and reuses/resells used kitchens (fixtures and appliances), diverting them from landfills.

Interior Freight & Bottle Depot: Residential and small restaurants food scraps program that process and ferment the scraps into a fertilizer.

### **2022**

Vernon Compost Gang: Community compost collection and cleanup to promote healthy community involvement.

Brain Garden: Program to reduce tobacco product waste litter and divert it from landfill. Involves the distribution of pocket ashtrays to inform about and collect tobacco waste to help prevent fires.

Men's Shed Vernon: To reclaim wood headed for disposal from partnering organizations and produce useful, repurposed items for other community non-profit organizations while creating educational opportunities concerning waste reduction.