

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.

2023

Destination Silver Star: Education materials and outreach for community recycling and composting facilities.

FoodMesh: Identify, build and expand a North Okanagan Food Recovery Network to support the recovery of surplus food so that it can be put to its highest end use and kept out of landfills. The project also involves reporting metrics on the progress of food recovery in the RDNO and highlighting the benefits it provides such as providing meals, reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

Fresh Outlook Foundation: Support for the Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) initiative that engages youth and the broader community with on-the-ground projects that support a wide range of climate action initiatives including waste reduction.

Gaia Productions: Production of a movie called Food Synergy about food waste solutions happening in BC. The goal of the movie will be to demonstrate how the whole food supply chain is connected and how the problems faced from farm to home, from seed to soil, can be solved with sound and practical solutions.

Habitat for Humanity: Support for equipment, supplies and marketing materials for the Kitchen Salvage Program that dismantles, picks up and reuses/resells used kitchens (fixtures and appliances), diverting them from landfills.

Silver Star Bear Stewardship Group: A Black Bear Education Trail feature called “Forever Bear” to inform about the importance of reusing items so that it is not necessary to destroy habitat for bears and other wildlife in the creation of new items.