

**Vancouver Coastal Health
Community Food Security Initiative
Project Funding for Implementing the North Shore Food Charter
April 2015 – December 2016**

**CALL FOR GARDEN APPLICATIONS
Deadline: March 20, 2015**

The purpose of this initiative is to increase food security for all members of the North Shore community while specifically working to improve access to healthy foods for vulnerable groups.

New this year:

This year, Vancouver Coastal Health is offering small grants that build community capacity to implement the North Shore Food Charter. Please note we will only fund a few garden initiatives as we want to broaden the types of projects funded.

Food Charter Workshop Required

In order to better inform applicants about the North Shore Food Charter, a workshop will be held this spring (probably May). Participation in the workshop is a pre-requisite to applying for a grant this year. The exception is for those applying for a grant related to a garden as we understand you want to start your work in April.

How and when do I apply?

If you want to apply for funding after attending the North Shore Food Charter workshop in May, please use this application form. We will set a deadline and announce it as soon as the workshop date is set. For garden applications, submit this application form by March 20, 2015.

Sample activities to implement the North Shore Food Charter:

- **Food access projects**: edible landscapes, mini- farmers markets, mobile pocket markets, food buyers clubs and providing training in growing, processing, handling, cooking and preserving of food.
- **Developmental activities**: building your group's capacity to: do food gardening or creating a food garden on a communally owned piece of land;
- **Food security strategies** Food asset mapping, film night, organizing meal programs using rescued food, using social media to connect people around an issue, educational programs related to food waste reduction, developing a neighbourhood food security network, pursue a "Farm to School" initiative, develop a program to train volunteers to teach food skills in the community, creating a system to re-purpose surplus food. (Note: We do not fund the purchase of grocery store food.)
- **Food security policy advocacy**: supporting new policy or policy change, and/or alignment of policies in an organization, related to food security. For example, your interest group may work with your organization, municipal environment committee or

others to advocate for allocation of land for a community garden or start managing food waste differently.

What is food security?

Community Food Security is when all residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes self-reliance.

A food system includes all the processes and infrastructure involved in feeding a population: growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, marketing, consumption, and disposal of food and food-related items.

What is community capacity?

Building community capacity refers to forming partnerships, interest or working groups to acquire sustainable food skills, resources and commitment to activities that improve and sustain food security.

What is the North Shore Food Charter?

A Food Charter is a statement of values and principles to guide decision-making related to all aspects of food. It provides a vision for the whole food system and integrates components like healthy eating and managing food waste.

These are the principles of the food charter:

- Health, Access, & Equity:
 - o This point acknowledges our interest in promoting access to safe, nutritious food for all residents.
- Environmental Responsibility:
 - o Applies to every step of the food system... how can we reduce waste or reduce GHG emissions related to our food system?
- Government Leadership & Collaboration:
 - o This point recognizes that food crosses jurisdictional boundaries. The Food Charter provides a platform for 'the food system' to become a lens that municipalities and residents can use to move issues forward.
- Economic Vitality:
 - o Food has value and the Food Charter encourages us to get the most local value possible out of food in each phase of the food system from growing to buying or selling, consuming and managing waste.
- Community, Food culture and education:
 - o Sharing culture and traditions through food builds relationships. We also know that many residents are very interested in food skills development.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Community non-profit organizations and formal and informal community groups (e.g., neighbourhood residents, Blockwatch groups, churches, schools, preschools etc.) All applications will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completion of the attached proposal.

Proposals must be received by March 20, 2015. Include an outline of your project (maximum 4 pages, see attached) and budget. Generally a maximum of \$1,500 funding will be available per project. We have \$10,000 to allocate this year. We will review the garden applications in the week of March 23.

Where else could I get funding?

For ideas on other funding for your project, please see <http://www.tablematters.ca/in-your-community/funding/>. We recommend those wanting to start a school garden look into Evergreen.ca for funding.

Submit application to:

Margaret Broughton, Vancouver Coastal Health

Parkgate Community Health Centre

3625 Banff Court

North Vancouver BC V7H 2Z8

Fax: 604 904 6450 or margaret.broughton@vch.ca (email is preferred)



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**Community Food Security Initiative 2015/16
 Proposal**

The completed proposal, with a budget attachment, is due by March 20, 2015.
 Applications will be reviewed in the week of March 23th.

Please type directly in this form and email it. Use additional space or pages required, to a maximum of 4 pages.

Questions: Contact Margaret Broughton at margaret.broughton@vch.ca
 or call 604-904-6482

Organization Information:

Organization Name:	Mailing Address:
Contact Person:	Position:
Phone:	E-mail:

Other Contact:

Contact Person:	Position:
Organization:	Mailing Address:
Phone:	E-Mail:

Proposed Start Date:	Proposed End Date:
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1. Description of Project (provide a general overview of the pilot project, including the proposed activities):

2. Objectives (describe what you hope the project will achieve):

3. Proposed partners or other support (list all partners, networks or volunteers, and the roles they will play in the project):

4. Intended Outcomes (describe the impact the project will have on your community and/or local government and any specific items, such as plans, a report or a garden, that will be produced):

5. Evaluation of the project (outline how you will determine if the project has been successful and how this information be shared with others on the North Shore):

6. Brief outline of work plan.

7. Sustainability (describe how the pilot project will be sustained after the pilot funding):

8. Additional Information (please attach detailed budget, including such items as costs of a project developer or coordinator, supplies for project development/implementation, project publicity and in-kind contributions):

Most projects will be eligible for up to \$1,500.

Note the following are *ineligible* expenses:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquets | <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare Costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stand Alone Research Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive Materials/Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery store food | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden labour |

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Budget Submission**

Project Expense	Donation in Kind	Other Funding	VCH Funding	Total
Personnel:				
Travel:				
Training:				
Facilitators:				
Honorariums:				
Workshop Expenses:				
Other Expenses: Please specify:				
TOTAL BUDGET				

Note:

The following are ineligible expenses:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Conferences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daycare Costs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banquets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Libraries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stand alone Research Projects | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum development |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Planning | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grocery Store Food | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labour for gardening | |

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