

March 9th, 2011

Reeve and Councilors 5015 -49 Avenue St. Paul, AB TOA 3A4

Attention: Sheila Kitz, CAO

Re: Funding Request

Please accept this letter of request for funding as presented by the Community Garden Society of St. Paul.

We recently submitted a grant application to the CIP (Community Initiative Project) for funding for equipment and operating costs as endorsed by the Honourable MLA Ray Danyluk.

As of March 8th, we were advised that our grant application does not cover any operating costs.

Unfortunately, this information affects our project plans for the 2011 and 2012 season as we were hoping to hire a Garden Coordinator to carry out some of the duties that are necessary for the operation of the program.

Due to the timeliness of the information, we have missed the deadline to apply for STEP funding to assist with the cost.

As it stands, we currently have volunteers that contribute a minimum of 500 hours each year to fulfill the project plans.

We ask that the County of St. Paul consider a contribution of \$3,000.00 to cover 50% of the cost for the Community Garden Coordinator position (see attached details).

We are in the process of forwarding a request to the Town of St. Paul for the remaining 50%.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Margo Fauchon Community Garden Society of St. Paul, Board member