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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## 2022 Provincial Edition is in the Works!

BC CiB is planning for a regular CiB program. Evaluation takes place in early to mid July and is primarily outdoors, so we expect the judge's tour can proceed with some simple modifications based on local health authority's recommendations.

2022 Registration information is included in this newsletter and is on our website at [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)

## Q&A Zoom Sessions with the BC CiB Team

Contact [Catherine](#) to plan a date and discuss your preferred topic.

Or learn about the Novice Program - The who, what, when, why and how of getting a Communities in Bloom group started.

Year of the Garden  
Année du jardin

## Be part of the national garden celebration

Communities in Bloom is a founding partner for the **Year of the Garden 2022**, a Centennial Celebration of the horticulture sector, to commemorate Canada's rich garden heritage, celebrate today's vibrant garden culture, and create important legacies for a sustainable future.

Planning is already underway for a year of exciting "Live the Garden Life" activities, celebrations, special events and promotions that will take place in communities, schools, businesses, public gardens, and backyard gardens in all parts of Canada.

Join the Celebration. It will be easy to sign up your garden as a Year of the Garden Celebration Garden. Check out the Calendar, a dynamic document that will keep you updated on what's happening when, where and how to connect.

It's not too soon to begin thinking about how you might Plant A Garden / Put Some Garden in Your Life during the Year of the Garden 2022 at home, work, school, or club, in your community, or even while on vacation!

Encourage your municipality to Proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden. Download the Invitation and a proclamation template to forward to your councillor or the Mayor, and Ideas to Engage Your Municipality, here: [Year of the Garden 2022 – Invitation to Municipalities.pdf](#), [Template – Municipal Proclamation of 2022 as Year of the Garden.docx](#)



**Gro for Good™**

## Scotts Canada launches 2022 *Gro for Good* Grants Initiative

IN SUPPORT OF  
COMMUNITY  
GARDENS & GREEN  
SPACES ACROSS  
CANADA

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a 2022 Gro for  
Good Grant  
Online](#)



Mississauga, ON (January 12, 2022) – **Scotts Canada** Limited proudly announces the 2022 edition of the **Gro for Good** program to keep the spirit of community and connection to nature alive in Canada. The program provides grants to deserving communities, schools and non-profit organizations seeking to develop sustainable community gardens and green spaces.

***“Gardening has continued to be a focus for individuals and communities throughout the pandemic. As we enter into 2022, which has been proclaimed the Year of the Garden, Scotts Canada looks forward to providing more opportunities for communities to enjoy the benefits that gardens and gardening provide.”***

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Karen Stephenson  
Director Regulatory Affairs & Stakeholder Relations  
Scotts Canada

**Scotts Canada** is proud to offer another year of **Gro for Good** grants to support green space projects and the [Year of the Garden](#) initiative, spearheaded by the Canadian Garden Council. Gardening has been shown to provide multiple benefits, such as, encouraging healthy eating habits while learning how to grow your own food along with the health and wellness benefits that come from being outdoors and interacting with nature and other members of your community. Gardens have also been a response to food insecurity in many neighbourhoods across Canada.

**Scotts Canada** is pleased to be offering this exciting grant opportunity to Canadian communities in partnership with [Communities in Bloom](#), [Plant · Grow · Share a Row](#) and [Nutrients for Life](#).

**Gro for Good** grants are valued at \$2,500 (cash plus in-kind product donation) and will be awarded to selected projects across Canada based on community impact, youth involvement and sustainability. The applicants will need to demonstrate one or more of the following benefits to the community: addressing health and wellness needs, enhancing the environment and/or engaging with youth. Each recipient of a grant will also have the opportunity to compete for one additional grant of \$2,500 in cash that will be awarded based on a social media contest hosted by **Scotts Canada**.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the program, applications will be accepted until February 28, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST or until the first 300 submissions are received, whichever comes first. **Gro for Good** grants will be awarded as a combination of cash and in-kind product donation. Projects must be completed in 2022.

For further details on the **Gro for good** program, please visit: [groforgood.com](http://groforgood.com)  
Questions can also be directed to [communication@cib-cef.com](mailto:communication@cib-cef.com)



# 2022 PROVINCIAL EDITION

## BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

**REGISTRATION  
FINAL DEADLINE:  
March 31, 2022**

MUNICIPALITY (PLEASE PRINT)	TOTAL POPULATION	MAYOR
NAME OF MUNICIPAL CONTACT	POSITION / TITLE	
ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE
( )		
PHONE	MUNICIPAL CONTACT EMAIL	
NAME OF COMMUNITY CONTACT OR LOCAL CiB CHAIR	WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY	
( )		
PHONE	COMMUNITY CONTACT/CHAIR E-MAIL	

PROGRAM OPTIONS (indicate your level of participation)	REGISTRATION FEE Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EVALUATED</b> with <b>VIRTUAL CHECK-UP</b> Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a Bloom Rating and 18-page report. <b>ONLY CATEGORY ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - <b>\$500</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - <b>\$600</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - <b>\$675</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - <b>\$800</b> (Plus 5% GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - <b>\$925</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - <b>\$1025</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 <b>\$1225</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - <b>\$1525</b> (Plus 5% GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOVICE</b> with <b>MODIFIED EVALUATION</b> Begin the process of forming OR reengaging a local CiB committee. Get help preparing for future evaluations and learn how to maximize your efforts.		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FRIENDS NON-EVALUATED</b> - Half of Registration Fee based on population size noted above		

**COMMUNITY RECEIVES:**

- Getting Started Package of Information.
- Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB facilitators.
- Bloom Rating Certificate (Award 1 to 5 blooms).
- 18+ page Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions.
- 5-Bloom Winners receive a special Street Banner.
- Profile on [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca) and Gardens BC tourism website.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:**

- Strengthens community pride for residents and businesses
- Collaborative, creates opportunities to celebrate volunteers
- Enhances enjoyment and value of green spaces
- Highlights climate action initiatives
- Contributes to a healthy social & economic lifestyle
- Showcases best features of the Community

<b>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	Population Fee + 5% GST = \$		GST # 8446 03670
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<b>PLEASE INVOICE US AT:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Address or		
<b>MAIL FORM &amp; FEE TO:</b>	BC Communities in Bloom 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2 <span style="background-color: yellow;">←note updated info</span>		
<b>Or pay by Credit Card</b>			
<b>Pay at <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a></b>	Please email completed form to Catherine at <a href="mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net">c.kennedy@telus.net</a>		604 576-6506
<b>CANCELLATION POLICY:</b>	Before April 30 <sup>th</sup> a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.		

**BC Communities in Bloom – 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2 | (604) 576-6506 | [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)**

Program Options	COST
<p><b>1. Evaluated with Virtual Check-Up - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a local 'in Bloom' committee to build collaboration with residents, businesses, service clubs and a municipal rep. (Councillor, Public Works, Administration or Parks &amp; Recreation staff).</li> <li>• Plan to meet online mid-season with Provincial CiB Judges Virtual Check Up on how to support your CiB efforts. Participants are encouraged to request topics.</li> <li>• Develop a basic budget to cover registration fee and to create community wide CiB awareness projects, i.e.: parades, tidy up days. Consider planning some fundraising events too.</li> <li>• Create a Community Profile Document outlining the community's achievements. Plan a judge's tour to view community in the 6 evaluation criteria.(additional information is provided in the Getting Started Package).</li> <li>• Host 2- facilitators (judges) TBC 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. 2-nights maximum in separate rooms (Hotel, B&amp;B or Billeting if certain conditions can be met), with meals during evaluation day.</li> <li>• Budget for attendance at the BC CiB Provincial Awards and Conference Event in the fall. Recognize your volunteers by providing an opportunity to network with other participants and to learn how to maximize your CiB program.</li> <li>• Communities will be presented a Bloom Rating Certificate and a written report at the Provincial Awards &amp; Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements.</li> </ul>	<p>Fee dependent on population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p><b>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA AWARD</b></p>
<p><b>2. NOVICE PROGRAM with Modified Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the CiB program with BC CiB Judge/Facilitators and local stakeholders hosted in your community. (Virtual option may be available)</li> <li>• Facilitators will present a PowerPoint, explain the value of a Community Profile Document, and view 3 criteria of your choice: i.e., Floral Displays, Landscape and Tidiness Efforts. A report will be created with some comments for future efforts.</li> <li>• No Evaluation Tour or Community Profile Document to organize but be prepared to host a pair of BC CiB facilitators (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop.</li> </ul>	<p>Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
<p><b>NON-EVALUATED</b></p>	
<p><b>3. FRIENDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Holds bloom rating one-year.</li> </ul> <p>Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>Half Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p>
<p><b>All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC</b></p>	
<p><b>4. COMMUNITY SHOWCASE with Membership</b></p> <p>Recognition program for individuals, communities, and neighbourhoods of all sizes. Showcase a place or space, a garden helper or how you are using CiB to make a better home, community, and world. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support your participants and volunteers.</p>	<p>See Website for Form</p> <p>Fee dependent on population category.</p> <p>Individual Member \$20</p>