

PROJECT INFORMATION

Please complete the fields below with information regarding your project.

Title of Proposed Project Soil and Compost for Urban Agriculture at the Downtown Campus

Amount Requested from SPF

Typical requests are ≤\$300

\$300

Campus(es) Impacted Downtown Macdonald Gault Nature Reserve Other _____

CONTACT & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Project Leader

This person must be a current McGill University student, administrative staff, or academic staff.

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Faculty/Unit/Organization	<u>Office of Sustainability</u>		

Please list the names of any additional core project team members:

Our team has read the [SPF Terms & Conditions](#) and agrees to respect them.

Yes No

In line with the [SPF Eligibility Criteria](#), our team certifies that this project takes place on a [McGill University campus](#) and primarily impacts the [McGill community](#), is [sustainability focused](#), is requesting [seed funding](#), and is [action oriented](#).

Yes No

PROJECT OVERVIEW + PLAN

1. Please describe your initiative, including details on when and where it will take place.

McGill's downtown campus has over ten gardening groups that maintain large and small green spaces. These spaces are maintained by students, staff, and faculty and contribute to building a culture of sustainability on campus. Through this initiative, we aim to provide the gardening groups at the downtown campus with the soil and compost needed for the 2022 growing season. The SPF Tiny Stream would help pay for soil and compost needed to maintain these spaces. An estimated 1 cubic yards of soil and 6 cubic yards of compost will be needed. The ordering and distribution of these materials will be done in collaboration with the horticultural supervisor, Eric Champagne, from Buildings & Grounds.

2. Please describe how your initiative is sustainability focused and how it will be managed sustainably.

You may find it helpful to consult the [SPF Sustainability Brief](#), the [Climate & Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025](#), and the [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#).

Urban agriculture and green spaces are important parts of the sustainability landscape at McGill. These spaces contribute to urban biodiversity, help build our understanding of local food systems, and foster mental and physical well-being within our community.

This initiative contributes to the Climate & Sustainability Strategy by supporting local food systems and sustaining landscaping projects that foster well-being.

3. Please describe how your initiative will involve and directly benefit the McGill community. List all stakeholders.

This initiative will directly benefits the following groups of students, staff, and faculty:

-Campus Crops, The Faculty of Education Gardens, Faraday Farms, Midnight Kitchen, PGSS Community Gardens, The Medicinal Herb Garden, and The Robertson Herb and Scent Garden.

It will impact the McGill community at large through 1) the redistribution of harvest to the community, either through emergency food baskets (Midnight Kitchen), or ad hoc distribution (Campus Crops, PGSS Community Gardens, etc) and 2) by providing spaces to relax and enjoy a connection to nature.

4. How many participants or beneficiaries do you expect for your project? How will you share information about your project (e.g. flyers, newsletters, webpage, etc.)?

The estimated number of participants is 40.

The estimated number of beneficiaries is over 100. This includes people that will benefit directly from the harvests and those who will simply enjoy these spaces.

The urban agriculture gardens are already promoted on the Office of Sustainability's website. Groups are in contact with volunteers and other members of the community and frequently post on social media

5. Please describe why you need funding from the SPF. Explain what your anticipated project expenses are and how they will be used.

In order to maintain these spaces lush and bountiful, soil and compost will be needed. In the past, these materials were given by Buildings and Grounds, but their unit is currently operating on a tight budget and they can no longer donate soil or compost. The projected expenses for this project are 1 cubic yard of soil and 6 cubic yards of compost, all of which will be used by the different urban agriculture groups on campus.

6. If you are requesting SPF Tiny Stream funding for an event, are you planning to certify the event with the [McGill Sustainable Events](#) program? Yes No N/A

7. Please fill the budget table below or upload a budget in .XLS or .XLSX format. If submitting your own, please make sure both expenses and revenues are included and clearly indicate the expenses that the SPF will cover.

Expenses	Cost (\$)	SPF to Fund
1 cubic yard of soil	\$30.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 cubic yards of compost	\$270.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	\$300.00	

Revenues/Other Funding Sources	Amount (\$)
Sustainability Projects Fund (TBC)	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

8. Optional: Upload an appendix with additional information about your project, including any flyers/promotional material that you have created.

To complete the application process, please submit this form and any other applicable documents (budget, appendix) on the SPF website. The SPF Staff will be in touch regarding your application within two weeks of the monthly deadline.