



# Grow With Us

Partnership Package

# Letter from the Executive Director

Over the last 10 years, the Public Health Association of BC (PHABC) has provided urban garden education, leadership, and resources across cities in BC. Through our Community Garden Roots program, we have partnered with neighbourhoods, non-profits, municipalities, and corporate partners to green urban spaces and strengthen communities.

**In this work, we are creating conditions for good neighbours to activate spaces, build capacity, and connect to their food and the Earth.**

**Community Garden Roots is a foundational example of the commercial determinants of health, and the impact that corporate partnerships can have on societal and planetary health, equity, and well-being.** We look forward to building our impact together.

With Gratitude,

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**Community garden build at White Rock Volkswagen**

**About the Public Health Association of BC**

The Public Health Association of BC (PHABC) is a voluntary, non-profit, non-government, member-driven organization that provides leadership to promote health, well-being and social equity. We fulfill our mission through advocacy, collaboration, education and research and do this work through the spectrum of public health practice; including prevention, promotion, protection and policy.



# About Community Garden Roots

Community Garden Roots (CGR) is a non-profit program promoting health, equity and connection by supporting inclusive, community-driven garden spaces through skill building, governance and collaboration.



## **Vision**

Creating vibrant, equitable, and healthy communities through garden spaces for all British Columbians.



## **Mission**

Strengthening connections and knowledge across gardens in BC, where communities are centred in creating inclusive garden spaces.



## **Pillars**

1. Community Resilience and Connectedness
2. Food Access and Learning
3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

**We are community-centered. Community built.**  
**A garden for everyone.**



# Why Partner with CGR

Community Garden Roots is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (i.e. Zero Hunger and Sustainable Cities and Communities), and we aim to create conditions that replenish our neighbourhoods and communities with green spaces, community connection, and health.



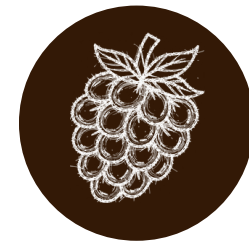
**Learning Opportunities**



**Accessible Fresh Food**



**Sustainable Cities**



**Indigenous Food Sovereignty**



**Relationship-Building with Local Governments**



**Strong Communities**



**Positive Environmental Impact**



**Policy Development and Advocacy**



# What We Do

Our program supports a thriving network of community gardens and local food initiatives dedicated to equitable access, community leadership and sustainable urban agriculture.

## **Garden Coordination and Support**

We provide hands-on guidance and assistance to help community gardens thrive year-round.



## **Food Systems and Urban Agriculture Advocacy**

We champion policies and partnerships that strengthen equitable and sustainable community-led food systems.



## **Facilitation and Capacity Building**

We connect gardeners, organizations, and partners through shared learning, resources and collaborative support.



## **Equity, Accessibility, and Community Engagement**

We ensure all garden builds are physically and mentally accessible, prioritizing equity-deserving communities whenever possible.



## **Garden Builds**

We provide customized gardens to fit your site, serving the community through engagement and adapting programming to reflect its needs.



# City of Surrey Garden Program

## Municipal Partner



<p><b>Strengthened local food systems in low-income neighbourhoods</b></p>	 <p><b>Relationship-Building with Local Governments</b></p>	<p><b>Built long-term capacity for garden leadership citywide</b></p>
 <p><b>Accessible Fresh Food</b></p>	<p><b>Supported the sustainable growth of community garden programs</b></p>	 <p><b>Learning Opportunities</b></p>



**In partnership with the City of Surrey since 2019**, we support their community garden programs by coordinating two gardens in low-income neighbourhoods, developing equity-focused governance strategies, and convening and facilitating networks for garden coordinators and executive committees.






# Medicine Wheel Garden at Trout Lake

## Non-Profit and Municipal Partner



Lu'ma Medical Centre Society



<p>Supported native plants that sustain traditional food and medicine practices</p>	 <p>Positive Environmental Impact</p>	<p>Hosted workshops with Indigenous Educators &amp; partners utilizing garden plants</p>
 <p>Indigenous Food Sovereignty</p>	<p>Selected self-sufficient, drought-resistant species that enhance biodiversity</p>	 <p>Learning Opportunities</p>



**In partnership with, Lu'ma Medical and Vancouver Parks Board,** we expanded the Medicine Wheel Garden at Trout Lake Park. This traditional garden is a sacred site for Indigenous foods, medicines, and seasonal workshops led by Indigenous Educators. This space aims to amplify Indigenous Food Sovereignty.




# South Surrey Community Garden

## Corporate Partner



**9,000**  
sq. ft. of transformed urban space

  
**Accessible Fresh Food**

**86**  
raised garden beds built on site by volunteers



  
**Sustainable Cities**

**100+**  
vegetable seedlings donated to the garden

  
**Strong Communities**



**In partnership with White Rock Volkswagen and Urban Systems Foundation, this garden took shape in 2022.** This garden, located in a vacant automotive dealership parking lot, allows over 30 families to grow fresh food and cultivate a sense of community with local farms, schools and community partners.



# Partners



# The CGR Impact

Community Garden Roots, is a trusted partner with extensive expertise in garden builds, coordination, governance support, and resource creation. We have a rich history of successful partnerships across local and regional municipalities across the province.

**10+ years**  
supporting community gardens across BC

**170 + gardeners**  
across the Lower Mainland

PHABC -led program since  
**2019**

**4** gardens governed by CGR

**13** youth mentorship placements from 2023 to 2025

# Connect With Us

Reach out to our team to explore partnership opportunities designed to align with your mission and goals. We look forward to working with you.

**Together, let's cultivate vibrant, meaningful spaces for greener and stronger communities!**



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