

## Council Priority Funds – Application

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## PRIORITY FUND INFORMATION – Completed by Applicant

Organization Name Trinity Baptist Church

Address 22550 Twp Road 530  
 Street and number Subdivision if rural

City or town Sherwood Park Province AB Postal code T8A 4T7

Contact person Patrick Litwin

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Email address (optional) info@tbcsherwoodpark.ca

Project Type  Event  Project  Expense

Amount Requested \$ 3000.00

## Brief description of request

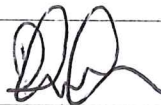
This project is a pilot to establish a community garden on Trinity Baptist Church property. We see this as a way to not only connect the Trinity Baptist Church community, it will also be our goal to use this space as a medium for reaching out to the local community outside of Trinity as well. The garden will become an integral part of Trinity's commitment to being a welcoming congregation, giving back to the community, and providing a space for connecting, cooperation and community service. We see this project as an extension of what we current do in the community. Today the property includes a preschool open to all residents of the county and the church space is used by a variety of groups. Trinity Baptist has sponsored a number of refugee families over the past several years and the garden will be a great place for them to gain knowledge about gardening in Alberta and make social connections.

This would be a Neighborhood Garden: where garden plots are available to members of the congregation and county residents outside of Trinity Baptist Church who don't have their own gardening space; a Food Pantry Garden: where produce from dedicated space will be donated to food security programs, e.g. the Strathcona County Food Bank; a School Garden: where people can learn gardening skills, including those in our preschool. It would be open to any resident of Strathcona county looking for a place to plant their garden regardless of age, race, creed or gender.

In future years our goal would be to continue the garden and expand the number of available plots. Efforts will be made to add plots that are accessible for persons with mobility issues, i.e. access by wheelchair and inclusive for persons with cognitive challenges. We would look to adding a community orchard (hardy apple, plum and/or cherry trees) to enhance the space, provide access to fruit for garden participants and involve additional residents of Sherwood Park who currently do not have access to gardening spaces.

Patrick Litwin

Print name



Signature

May 28, 2021

Date

Please remember to attach a proposed budget and request letter to this request.

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May 28, 2021

Paul Smith  
Office of the Elected Officials  
2001 Sherwood Drive,  
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A3W7

Dear Paul,  
Trinity Baptist Church respectfully requests a grant from Council Priority Funds of \$3,000 for our Community Garden Project.

As a faith community in Strathcona County, we are keenly aware of the isolation and loneliness experienced by many people throughout the pandemic. This has been further compounded for many by anxiety over food security and access to healthy, fresh produce. This latter concern has resulted in an increased interest in gardening during COVID in our community.

At Trinity Baptist Church we are committed to being a welcome community, giving back to our neighborhood, and providing a space for service. The Trinity Community Garden Project will allow us to further adapt our property to meet these new needs and cultivate relationships and community resilience.

We see this project as an extension of what we currently do in the community. Today the property includes a preschool open to all residents of the county and the church space is used by a variety of community groups. We currently have sponsored a number of refugee families and access to garden space would help them gain knowledge about gardening in Alberta and make social connections.

The funding would be used to set up the garden, and maintain it for the first year and provide for an educational gardening workshop open to gardeners at our garden and to interested gardeners within the county.

Included with this cover letter is our budget and completed application, as required in your guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to your response and moving forward with this project.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Litwin

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Garden Fees	\$200.00
In kind labour (site prep, remove sod, till soil, working in the Food Pantry part of the garden.)	\$500.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
Site Prep	\$500.00
Water totes/ water	\$500.00
Compost	\$500.00
Tool shed/tools	\$1,500.00
Workshop event	\$500.00
Wrap up event	\$200.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>