The Sustainable Community Grant began in 2016 with the purpose of partnering with nonprofits to help amplify community-wide sustainability efforts and help meet the City’s Sustainability Program goals.

For the past seven years, $10,000 has been awarded annually to a total of eight nonprofits contributing to Sioux Falls sustainability.

What Grant Dollars Have Supported

Reducing Waste
- Thousands of pounds of material recycled at Sioux Falls summer events
- 15,000 pounds of food waste diverted from the landfill annually
- 475 tons of construction and building material diverted from the landfill annually

Water Resource Protection
- 11 river cleanups removed hundreds of pounds of trash and debris
- Rainwater collection system conserves water while watering urban farm

Food Access
- 20,000 pounds of leftover food each month redistributed to those in need
- Urban farm teaches 140 elementary students annually to garden and provides families with produce

Community Vitality
- 134 families provided with furniture that has been refurbished, repurposed, cleaned, and delivered
- 1st residential composting program for food scraps creates compost to nourish soil and people

Education
- Hands-on recycling, water conservation, and composting education
- Tuition assistance for middle-school-aged campers from low-income families to attend a science summer camp

Grant Recipients
- SoDak Compost
- IronFox Farm
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls
- Ecomaniacs
- Bread Break
- Friends of the Big Sioux River
- Furniture Mission of South Dakota
- Augustana University