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Green thumbs encouraged to apply for grants

The City of Subiaco is encouraging groups of enthusiastic gardeners to apply for state government grants to assist with establishing or maintaining a community garden.

The Department of Local Government and Communities is offering grants of up to \$20 000 for the establishment of new community gardens and up to \$10 000 to maintain an existing garden.

Interested groups within the City of Subiaco are invited to contact the city for assistance with their application.

Mayor Henderson said: "The city supports the development of a strong network of diverse gardens in the Subiaco community. I encourage anyone considering establishing a community garden, to work with the city to develop a strong proposal."

The city will work with applicants to identify an appropriate site and navigate the planning and design process, and can assist with meeting application requirements and gaining necessary government approvals.

Mayor Henderson highlighted the benefits of active community groups: "Community gardens can help to build a sense of community and contribute to a healthy lifestyle, improving the physical and mental wellbeing of those involved."

"The city's vision is to create community gardens that reflect the aspirations of the residents of Subiaco and that are attractive, inclusive and environmentally sustainable."

Visit the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au to download a copy of the city's *Community Gardening Guide*. To discuss ideas for a potential community garden proposal, contact the city on 9237 0942.

For more information regarding the grants, visit the Department of Local Government and Communities website www.dlgc.wa.gov.au

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Notes to Editor

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au**