



Pacific Northwest Region and Urban Gardens Partner to Grow Food and Cultivate Relationships



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An Associate Marketing Coordinator, Grant has been with Whole Foods Market for seven years. He believes, “**All citizens should have access** to fresh, healthy food options regardless of where they reside or current economic situations. This is a **necessary starting point** for healthy eating.” His mission aligns with the Public Health Association of British Columbia’s Can You Dig, which works to establish **inclusive, food-growing gardens**. The Victoria Store has helped support several community gardens through volunteer days, and Grant secured a Community Grant First to amplify Whole Foods Market’s support. The funds will be allocated to host a gathering that connects community garden coordinators in the Victoria area. Grant hopes this will **strengthen** individual community gardens, encourage new gardens, and ultimately, **improve fresh food access** throughout the city.

The Public Health Association of British Columbia cydi.ca

Can You Dig It, a program of The Public Health Association of BC, **transforms communities** by creating sustainable and inclusive neighbourhoods through **community gardens**. They believe community gardening contributes to health and wellbeing, positive social interaction, neighbourhood connectedness, food production, environmental education, habitat development, and a connection to nature. In addition to **increased access to fresh, healthy food**, the broader community also benefits by having increased opportunities for **gardening and cooking workshops** while also enjoying green spaces. Whole Cities Foundation is proud to partner with Can You Dig It to fund its first Community Garden Coordinators gathering. This 1-1/2 -day event aims to provide opportunities for education, networking and to **mobilize and align efforts** around equitable food access.



Whole Foods Market Team Members can nominate a local nonprofit increasing access to fresh, healthy food or nutrition education for a \$5,000 grant.

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