

## **Implementation of a Community Food Action Plan**

### **Comox Valley Food Systems Cyber Hub (Lush Valley Food Action Society - \$12,000)**

Lush Valley Food Action Society has emerged as a community food security leader in the Comox Valley. In previous years they have pooled the resources of the community to improve the health, personal wellness of the population while stressing ecological sustainability. They have consistently taken the approach of following the lead of their community and have developed an action plan focused on these priorities. One of the many activities they will undertake this year will be to further enhance their ability to reach out to not only the Comox Valley but also other communities looking to address food security they will develop a CyberHub to support community food security initiatives.

### **Strengthening Food Security Foundations (Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable - \$7,500)**

The Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable (CR-FAIR) has been a leader in community food security in the BC's Capital Region for over 10 years. They have engaged many partners and supported community groups and initiatives related to community food security, offering their expertise and skilled knowledge. They will continue to implement their food action plan building upon the strong network they have developed and support the Capital Region Food Charter as well as the development of the Capital Region Food Policy Council.

### **Food CHI – A Food Strategy for the Sooke Region (Sooke Region Food CHI Society - \$7,500)**

The Sooke Region Food CHI Society is situated on the southwestern tip of Vancouver Island. The community involved in this project includes newly incorporated Sooke, the unincorporated areas of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew as well as T'Souke, Pacheedaht and Scia'New First Nations. This year they will continue to build community capacity while developing a local farms guide, taking local politicians on farm tours and holding a regional forum engaging local decision makers on issues related to sustainability, food security and local agriculture.

**Implementation of Community Food Security Plan for the Cowichan Valley  
(Cowichan Green Community - \$14,000)**

Cowichan Green Community serves the greater area referred to as the Cowichan Valley Regional District, which in 2006 reported a population of over 76,000 residents. The Cowichan Valley has seen an incredible increase in awareness and activity related to community food security. While there are many groups working on food security in the Cowichan Valley much of this owing to the work of the Cowichan Green Community and Alderlea Farms. This year these two groups will collaborate to further increase community food security in the Cowichan Valley.

**A Collaboration: Building Community Food Security in the Nanaimo Area  
(Nanaimo Foodshare Society - \$15,000)**

There have been multiple groups within Nanaimo addressing community food security for many years resulting in a strong network of individuals, organizations and initiatives. This year four prominent groups will network and collaborate to develop a strong partnership focused on sustainability and community food security in the Nanaimo area. This will result in a sustainable collaborative action plan for the future.

**Food for All: Increasing Food Sustainability in the Western Communities  
(Capital Families Association - \$12,000)**

The Capital Families Association on the Westshore has taken a leadership role for community food security for the Western Communities. Having built capacity and developed a community food action plan the Capital Families Association will continue to implement the plan with a focus on increasing awareness and developing partnerships focused on community food security within schools, municipal governments and housing organizations.