



**Operating Grant Increase Request
January 26, 2023**

Greetings Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

The International Peace Garden is requesting an increase in our biennial operating grant, an item in SB 2019. As the state's namesake institution, the Garden is excited to build on the historic capital funding from the State and Province of Manitoba. In order to make the most of these improvements and realize our potential as a year-round destination, the Garden is requesting an additional \$645,120 for the 2023-2025 budget.

We are pleased to note that our partner, the Province of Manitoba, in 2022 made its first increase in 13 years to their share of our annual operating grant.

The increase request breakdown includes:

- \$105,120 or 12% of the previous budget to account for inflation and cost of living in the previous decade.
- \$340,000 for the addition of 3 FTEs as follows:
 - 1 additional staff for the expanded Conservatory, which will focus on year-round attendance and school engagement. \$140,000 (\$70,000 per year)
 - 1 additional staff to serve as Buildings Maintenance Assistant. \$100,000 (\$50,000 per year)
 - 1 additional staff to serve as Grounds Maintenance Assistant. \$100,000 (\$50,000 per year)
- \$200,000 (\$100,000) toward operations, maintenance and marketing required to operate on a more year-round basis and account for increasing costs for energy and utilities.

Sincerely,

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