



Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

April 24, 2013

Project Leader: Brian Jacobson
Project: Sustainable Agricultural Food System

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Brian Jacobson:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus.

SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Center for a Sustainable Environment that the Sustainable Agricultural Food System project receive **\$177,500 in grant funding** for the Step 1 of the project as outlined in the application. We encourage you to apply for Steps 2 and 3 in future funding cycles. Please note that because you have already submitted the full application, you will only be required to submit a project funding inquiry in the semester that you would like to submit the subsequent steps of your application.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. All funds must be spent by May 31, 2014.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by June 30, 2014.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
4. Each project is required to fulfill some kind of outreach component which may require a poster submittal, videos, photos, etc. The project applicant will work with SSC to determine the best form of outreach.
5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC.
6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC Program Advisor, McKenzie Beverage, at mbeverag@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Center for a Sustainable Environment officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.

SSC Signatories

Marika Nell
Chair, Student Sustainability Committee

Teresa Tousignant
Treasurer, Student Sustainability Committee

Awardee Signatory

Brian Jacobson, Pilot Plant Systems Analyst
Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition

Center for a Sustainable Environment Signatory

Pradeep Khanna, Associate Chancellor
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Project Information

Project: Sustainable Agricultural Food System

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$177,500

Award Code: 1-303692-698000-698143-698SAF

Receiving Campus Unit: Food Science & Human Nutrition

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Application Project Description: This project was started after Brian attended a SSF open house and spoke to Zack Grant about their successes and challenges on the Sustainable Student Farm. After many discussions with Zack, FSHN faculty and staff, and Dining Services, it was determined to be a viable project with tremendous potential. Our goal is to operate a model local food system that provides sustainably processed tomato sauce, made from freshly grown tomatoes, to the campus Dining Halls. We plan on making this project, its experiences, and data accessible to the campus community and others involved in the local food movement. A long term goal would be to expand the products that we can handle to include all commonly grown produce in Illinois. There is a great need to expand this knowledge, and the USDA is motivated in the local food movement.