



## Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

November 10, 2011

Applicant: Bruce Branham, Department of Crop Sciences  
Project: Building Capacity at the Sustainable Student Farm

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Branham:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for responding to our call for proposals to use 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 Office of Sustainability that your project **receive \$40,000 for the following items:** 1) all items outlined in the "Infrastructure," "Implements for electric Allis G tractor," "Planting Equipment," and "Other" sections of the proposal; 2) all items under the "Implements for BCS Walking Tractor" section of the proposal except the "40" Hay Rake/Tedder," "Round Hay Baler," and "24" Snow Blower, Single Stage." Please note that funds for the land use fee for future farm expansion are included in the award.

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

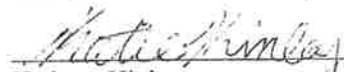
1. All funds must be spent by May 15, 2012.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by June 15, 2012.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
4. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.

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](mailto:mbeverag@illinois.edu). You will be notified when the Office of Sustainability 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

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Suhail F. Barot  
Chair, Student Sustainability Committee

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Kathryn Kinley  
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### Awardee Signatory



Bruce Branham  
Professor, Department of Crop Sciences

### Office of Sustainability Signatory



Pradeep Khanna  
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## Project Information

**Project:** Sustainable Student Farm

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$40,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Department of Crop Sciences

**Award Code:** 1-629514-802050-191200-802FFP

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## Project Description:

This proposal looks to further the University's commitment to local food consumption through continued support the Sustainable Student Farm (SSF). SSF began in 2009 with a grant from the Student Sustainability Committee to begin producing locally grown vegetables for the University of Illinois community and has continued to operate with support from the Student Sustainability Committee and University Dining Services. In the first season, the SSF produced nearly 25,000 pounds of produce and generated approximately \$25,000 in revenue, primarily through sales to University of Illinois Dining Services for use in the University dining halls. Most of the funding has gone to support the salaries of the farm manager, student interns, and summer employees. SSF recognized that to produce more food will require an investment in facilities, tools, and equipment needed to gain efficiencies in production. As the University's only current capacity for producing local produce for campus, SSF is an essential component of increasing campus sustainability. Continuation of farm is essential to meeting these goals. Thus, the Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding a grant in the amount of \$40,000.