# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* *sustainability-committee@illinois.edu**.*

**Project Name:** Social Justice as Environmental Justice

**Date of Report Submission:** 1/2/2018

**Project Purpose:**

* To make a substantial impact on students understanding of and engagement with Environmental Justice issues through both engagement opportunities and educational programming utilizing theatre as the core of arts-based civic engagement.
* To engage a substantial portion of the campus community directly through performances at the Armory Free Theatre, classrooms, and other campus/ community venues.
* To address and bring awareness to Environmental Justice issues as they impact society generally and often underrepresented populations specifically and to explicitly invite engagement by underrepresented student populations in the project as actors, animatuers, panelists and tech crew.
* To have an ongoing impact through continuing programming made possible by the National Call for Scripts, and to continue the National Call for Scripts in the future.
* Encourage a national discourse among playwrights on Environmental Justice issues.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

Phase #1 Production Expenditure: $36.50 + $ 187.65 = 224.15

GA Wages (from June of 2017 to date): $ 3480.75 [9hrs / week, $15.75/hr]

**Project Progress to Date:**

PHASE #1 Theatre Production

* We completed phase one of our project between August and October, having done research and successfully developed and brought to full production an original theatre piece that addresses Environmental Justice issues. The production is called “Far from Utopia, and We’re Running out of Breath”. It premiered at the Armory Free Theatre and then toured to other locations in the campus community, including Channing Murray Foundation, Independent Media Center, and Ikenberry Centers / SDRP.
* We also performed excerpts at multiple events, including National Diversity Conference, Fresh Check at Illini Union, Community Psychology Class (Psyc 239).
* Research materials used in the development of the show have been culled into a concise bibliography of pedagogical materials for future use.

PHASE #2 National Call for Script

* We have been planning for the National Call for Script also beginning in August. Supporting materials created for the National Call for Scripts include the administrative documents, guidelines, publicity materials, and contact lists.
* The publicity has been planned to go out January 1st.
* We are also working on indentifying panelists and forming panels for the judgement and selection of the submissions.
* We also participated in the ISEE Sustainability Celebration, as a way to increase our presence, develop connection in the environmental sustainability community at the university level.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

* Core ensemble members: about 20.
* Audience Involvement through live performance: 500 – 600
* Social Media Presence: 500-700

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

* Social media presence
* Distribution of physical posters, postcards and flyers
* Presence at resource fairs, including Quad Day, RA Fair, Fresh Start, conferences and classrooms.

**Additional Comments:**

None at this time