*Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation by the deadline listed on the SSC website to* *Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu**.The Working Group Chairs will be in contact with you regarding any questions about the application. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the SSC at* *Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu**.*

# General Information

**Project Name:** UIUC NAH (Native American House) & NAISO (Native American & Indigenous Student Organization) Garden Initiative

**Total Amount Requested from SSC:** $5,000.00

**Project Topic Area(s):** [ ] Energy [ ] Education [x] Food & Waste

 [x] Land [ ] Water [ ] Transportation

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# Project Information

Please provide a brief background of the project, the goals, and the desired outcomes:

 The goal of this project is to create a community garden in, what is now, the backyard of the Native American House on Nevada Street in Urbana, IL. Once built, we will offer plots of the garden to other nearby cultural houses so they can plant fruits and vegetables native to their own heritages. A desired outcome is to create a stronger sense of community and better relations with the nearby cultural houses. It will also alleviate our current needs on large scale agriculture and will provide an example to others in the community that creating a community garden is simple and sustainable.

 A secondary use of the garden is to plant milkweed. Milkweed provides food and habitats for the Monarch Butterfly, whose population is declining. This is due to the lack of habitats throughout the U.S. since many households view Milkweed as an unsightly, unwanted wildflower. If we were to plant milkweed on the outer perimeter of the garden, it would offer shelter and sustenance for the Monarch while also giving the garden additional pollinators.

Please provide a brief summary of how students will be involved in the project:

 Once "Facility and Services" finishes the construction of the garden and installs security cameras, it will be the responsibility of students to maintain the garden. These responsibilities will include: planting and watering of seeds, cleaning of garden (weeding and sweeping), and harvesting. Each week or as often as they like, cultural students can maintain their crops until they harvest, and then come back next season to plant more seeds.

Please provide a brief summary of the project timeline:

 We hope to finish the application and recieve funding by late Winter. By this time, snow will have melted and we can begin to contrust and plant in early Spring.

Additional comments

Any additional comments/relevant information for the project proposal