*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:** iHelp Food Drive

**Total Amount Requested from SSC:** $500

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

 [ ] Land [ ] Water [ ] Transportation

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# Project Information

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

iHelp is the fall campus day of service where over 1,500 students volunteer in various service projects in the Champaign-Urbana community. One of the service projects is a community food drive. Food drive bags and flyers are distributed to houses in Urbana requesting nonperishable food items for volunteers to collect. The collected food is then donated to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Last year, we donated 4,114 pounds of food, equating to 3,428 meals.

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

During iHelp, students are learning the value of volunteering and are being inspired by the spirit of service. For the food drive, all students are invited and encouraged to bring nonperishable items themselves. Those who are going out to collect donations from Urbana houses are educated before they head out. They are given a brief overview of the impact that the food drive makes as well as how they can continue to help hunger problems in central Illinois and the world.

Please provide a brief summary of the project timeline:

iHelp will be taking place on September 30th. A week before the event, we will be distributing reusable grocery bags to houses in Urbana with flyers attached to explain the food drive. These bags and the flyers must be ordered and printed a week before distribution. Each year, we use around 1,000 bags and flyers.

Additional comments

Any additional comments/relevant information for the project proposal