



Student Sustainability Committee Funding Award Letter



February 2, 2024

Project: Green Observer

Sophia Beem,

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is pleased to inform you that your project has received approval from the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE), and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

The Student Sustainability Committee is proud to award **\$310.00** in grant funding for **Green Observer**.

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

1. The project must be completed within two years of the funding awarded. A final report of all work completed, a full list of expenditures, and a detailed sustainability impact report must be provided to the SSC Advisor by **02/02/2025** or project completion.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The Primary Applicant will be the individual responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The Project Unit Financial Contact must submit the prescribed FPI form for the assignment of a Chart, Fund, Organization, and Program code (CFOP) within four weeks of receipt of this letter. The CFOP established for this award shall strictly be used for the funds awarded to this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to the project must be submitted within a scope change form, including alterations to the budget, timeline, project lead, and project direction. A majority vote of the SSC must approve scope changes.
6. All projects are expected to follow university policies and procedures as well as any applicable local, 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.
8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project must acknowledge SSC funding.
9. Any marketing, including but not limited to advertising, signs, and digital ads, involving the project or events surrounding this project must include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.

Project: Green Observer

Funding Source: SCEF (303692)

Funding Requested: \$310.00

Funding Allocated: \$310.00

Primary Unit of the Project: Illinois Water Resources Center

Unit Financial Contact: Amy Lorraine Weckle

Project Description:

The Green Observer is UIUC's only student-run environmental publication and runs out of Students for Environmental Concerns. This magazine is dedicated to shedding light on environmental issues around campus, and the students who make up the GO are passionate about sustainability and conservation. GO magazines contain articles ranging from politics to lifestyle, DIY to campus events, art, poetry, and photography. To continue to publish new issues and keep previous magazines up and accessible on the Issues platform, the Green Observer must pay a monthly subscription fee of \$31.00. SSC has agreed to pay a one-time fee of \$310.00 to allow 10 months of subscription services.

The Green Observer's mission is spreading awareness, which is one of the critical facets of addressing our environmental crisis today. Within the Green Observer, reaching people and informing them is a primary goal. GO wants to educate and encourage sustainable practices while highlighting the natural beauty of the world and the individual stories that are inspiring to environmentalists. The Green Observer also used to be a print publication, but as of 2018, we are entirely online to better align with our ideals and reduce our environmental footprint. Creativity and collaboration are key facets of the magazine. Additionally, GO uses an artistic approach to raise ecological awareness.

Project Category:

Education & Justice

This proposal directly funds:

1. 10 months of host website subscription fee

Funding Approval

Student Sustainability Committee, Chairperson

Claire Keating

Name

Claire Keating

Signature

02/02/2024

Date

Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment, Director

Jennifer Fraterrigo

Name

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Signature

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Danita Brown Young

Name

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Signature

02/02/2024

Date

Funding Acknowledgement

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions for this award. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee Advisor at ssc-advisor@illinois.edu.

Award Recipient

Sophia Beem

Name

Sophia Beem

Signature

02/05/2024

Date

Project Advisor Signature (Student-Led Projects Only)

Yu-Feng Lin

Name

Yu Feng Lin

Signature

02/05/2024

Date










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