



**Student Sustainability Committee**  
**Funding Award Letter**



May 25, 2024

**Project: Installation of Enhanced Hydration Stations in University Residence Halls**

Dear Miriam Keep,

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 **\$118,689.66** in grant funding for **Installation of Enhanced Hydration Stations in University Residence Halls**.

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 **5/25/2026** or project completion, whichever comes first.
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 to award the funds to this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to the project, including alterations to the budget, timeline, project lead, and project direction, must be submitted within a scope change form. 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. The sponsoring department is responsible for all equipment purchased with SSC funds. Equipment should be inventoried according to institutional procedures and should be returned to the department, as applicable, when not in use by the project team.
8. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
9. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project must acknowledge SSC funding.
10. 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:** Installation of Enhanced Hydration Stations in University Residence Halls

**Funding Requested:** \$130,350.00

**Funding Allocated:** \$118,689.66

**Funding Source:** SCEF (303692)

**Primary Unit of the Project:** Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE)

**Unit Financial Contact:** Cindi Vandeventer

**Project Description:**

iSEE will partner with University Housing to increase the number of enhanced hydration stations with bottle fillers in university residence halls. Many residence halls only offer basic drinking fountains, but surveys show students overwhelmingly prefer using the enhanced stations. Increasing access to the enhanced stations will encourage students to use reusable bottles and reduce plastic waste created by disposable bottles. iSEE will also conduct an informational campaign to raise student awareness of water quality and safety to increase students' understanding of the safety of water available on campus.

**Project Category:** Food & Waste

**This proposal directly funds:**

1. Enhanced hydration station equipment
2. Installation wages











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