



Student Sustainability Committee
Funding Award Letter



May 25, 2024

Project: **Red Oak Rain Garden Outreach and Enhancements**

Dear Maddy Craft,

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 **\$9,708.20** in grant funding for **Red Oak Rain Garden Outreach and Enhancements**.

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: Red Oak Rain Garden Outreach and Enhancements

Funding Source: SCEF (303692)

Funding Requested: \$9,708.20

Funding Allocated: \$9,708.20

Primary Unit of the Project: University of Illinois Extension

Unit Financial Contact: Eliana Brown

Project Description:

Red Oak Rain Garden is campus' environmental demonstration landscape built by and for students, incorporating equitable design principles. Located next to dormitories and well-traveled pathways, it serves as an immersive educational tool, highlighting the role rain gardens play in managing stormwater, safeguarding water quality, and nurturing ecosystems. This project includes interpretive signage to tell that story, including Braille and multi-language audio tours, and vegetation enhancements that revitalize spots affected by two years of drought. With these enhancements, the rain garden can continue to be a student respite that serves as a model for campus sustainable landscapes.

Project Category:

Education & Justice

This proposal directly funds:

1. Signage Equipment
2. Replacement and Enhancement Plants
3. Soil Amendments

Funding Approval

Student Sustainability Committee, Chairperson

Claire Keating

Name

Claire Keating

Signature

05/29/2024

Date

Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment, Director

Jennifer Fraterrigo

Name

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Date

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Danita Brown Young

Name

Danita Brown Young

Signature

05/30/2024

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

Maddy Craft

Name

Maddy Craft

Signature

06/04/2024

Date

Project Advisor Signature (Student-Led Projects Only)

Carolyn Brown

Name

Carolyn Eliana Brown

Signature

06/04/2024

Date

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