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4. Project Name (exactly as it was named on the original Award Letter) *

Single-Day Campus-Wide Composting Events

5. Date (or semester/year) of project's original award *

November 21, 2024 (Fall 2024)

6. Current expiration date of award *

You can find this information on your original Award Letter or Scope Change Approval Letter (whichever is most recent).

21 November 2026

7. Enter the amount of the award, including any budget increases as a result of a previous Scope Change. *

7000

8. How much (in dollars) of your award (including previous approved budget increases) is remaining? *

7000

9. Briefly describe the goals of your project. *

The primary goal of this project is to pilot pre- and post-consumer composting at two high-visibility events. By collaborating with WasteNot Compost, the initiative aims to reduce organic waste sent to landfills, which accounts for nearly 20% of campus waste, as identified in the university's waste characterization study. The project will promote environmental stewardship through hands-on student engagement, volunteer opportunities, and educational outreach, aligning with iCAP Zero Waste objectives to reduce the campus waste footprint. This pilot initiative will also provide valuable data on waste diversion and build the case for expanding composting services campus-wide, supporting UIUC's broader sustainability goals.

10. Have you submitted one or more required Semester Project Reports for this project prior to this Scope Change request? *

NOTE: Timely submission of Project Reports are required to remain in compliance with the Terms and Conditions of your award.☒ Yes☐ No

11. Type of Scope Change requested (select all that apply) *

☐ Budget Increase (Net Additional Funds, Only)☐ Project Direction☒ Project Timeline

12. How much additional funding (in dollars) are you requesting? **NOTE: This amount should only reflect the ****NET ADDITIONAL**** amount you are requesting from SSC. If you are only changing individual items in your budget but do not require ADDITIONAL funds from SSC (i.e., beyond that of your award), please complete the Project Direction section instead.** *

Enter N/A if not applicable

N/A

13. Provide a detailed explanation for the requested Budget Increase. *

Enter N/A if not applicable

N/A

14. Provide a detailed explanation for the requested change in Project Direction. *

Enter N/A if not applicable

N/A

15. What is your new proposed project completion date? *

Enter N/A if not applicable

December 2025

16. Provide a detailed explanation for the requested change in the Project Timeline *

Enter N/A if not applicable

The proposed change involves replacing the Men's Big Ten Basketball Game (early March 2025) with the New Student Welcome Lunch (late August 2025) as one of the pilot events for the composting initiative. This adjustment is necessary for the following reasons:
Timeline Constraints: Coordinating with the State Farm Center's hospitality and catering group for the basketball game would require drafting and finalizing a contract at least four weeks before the event. Given the limited timeframe and the vendor's requirements, ensuring timely preparation for the basketball game presents a significant logistical challenge.
Limited Composting Opportunities at the Basketball Game: Concession food at the basketball game is typically packaged, with leftovers often retained rather than landfilled. This reduces the volume of compostable waste, limiting the scope and impact of the composting initiative at the event.
Higher Waste Potential at the Welcome Lunch: The New Student Welcome Lunch generates significantly more organic waste than a basketball game, offering more significant composting and waste diversion opportunities. This would enhance the project's impact and provide more valuable data on waste diversion for future scaling of the initiative.
Coordination and organization: Dining Services and Student Affairs have strongly supported implementing the composting initiative at the Welcome Lunch, ensuring smoother coordination and greater alignment with campus sustainability goals.
By shifting the scope to the Welcome Lunch, the project can achieve its objectives more effectively, with more significant waste diversion potential, stronger stakeholder engagement, and enhanced opportunities for educational outreach. This change aligns with the overarching vision to pilot composting at high-visibility campus events while building a robust case for expanding sustainable waste management practices university-wide.

17. Please complete the Scope Change Budget and Timeline spreadsheet (link to file is below) and upload the updated version here.

Download the file here: <https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/SSC-Budget-Timeline-SCOPE-CHANGE-template.xlsx>

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