



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Criteria**A. General Rules**

1. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit requests for funding. Student-led projects require a faculty or staff sponsor in order to have funds awarded.
2. Funding can only go to university-affiliated projects from students, faculty, staff, and departments.
3. All SSC projects must make a substantial impact on students. This may be a direct impact or an impact through education and engagement. All SSC funding is 100% from student green fees, so the projects funded by the students must benefit them.
4. SSC encourages innovation and new technologies – creative projects are encouraged to apply.
5. Unless a type of expense is specifically listed below as having restrictions, SSC can generally fund it. The items referenced below should not be taken as comprehensive list.

B. Things SSC Can Fund, On A Case-By-Case Basis

1. SSC can fund feasibility studies and design work; however, it must work toward ultimately addressing a sustainability need on campus.
2. SSC can fund staff positions that are related to improving campus sustainability. Strong preference will be given to proposals receiving matching funding from departments and/or plans for maintaining continuity of the position after the end of the initial grant.
3. SSC can fund outreach events with a central theme of sustainability, provided their primary audience is the general campus community.
4. SSC discourages funding requests for food and prizes but will consider proposals on a case by case basis that prove significant reasoning.
5. SSC can fund repairs and improvements to existing building systems as long as it works toward the goal of improving campus sustainability; however, a preference is shown to projects utilizing new or innovative ideas.
6. SSC can provide departments with loans for projects with a distinct payback on a case by case base. Loans will require a separate memorandum of understanding between SSC and departmental leadership pledging to repay the award in full and detailing the payback plan.

C. Things SSC Will Not Fund:

1. SSC will not fund projects with a primary end goal of generating revenue for non-University entities.
2. SSC will not fund personal lodging, food, beverage, and other travel expenses.
3. SSC will not fund any travel expenses.
4. SSC will not fund tuition or other forms of personal financial assistance for students beyond standard student employee wages.

Your funding application should include this application and any letters of support.

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 Student Sustainability Committee at Sustainability-Committee@illinois.edu.

General & Contact Information

Project Name: Pollinator Garden

Total Amount Requested from SSC: \$3,300.00

Project Topic Areas: Land & Water Education Energy
 Transportation Food & Waste

Applicant Name: Elizabeth Ducharme

Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization): Beekeeping Club

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Check one:

- This project is solely my own **OR**
 This project is proposed on behalf of (name of student org., campus dept., etc.): Beekeeping Club

Project Team Members

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Student-Led Projects (Mandatory):

Name of Faculty or Staff Project Advisor: Becky Fuller

Advisor's Email Address: rcfuller@illinois.edu

Financial Contact (Must be a full-time University of Illinois staff member)

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Unit/Department: Integrative Biology

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Project Information

Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is highly recommended you visit a working group meeting sometime during the proposal submission process.

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

We want to know: What is your project? What does it concretely produce, accomplish, or solve? Why is this project needed on campus?

Our project is to clear out an existing plot of land attached to the Shelford Vivarium, next to a heavily trafficked area of campus next to the Engineering Quad. We intend to make this a pollinator garden, filled with native fall, spring, and summer blooming plants that local pollinators will interact with. We intend on hosting several volunteer and educational events throughout the semester to promote sustainable gardening, education on what pollinators are and their ecological importance, and to provide a pretty garden for students to enjoy.

Where will the project be located? Are special permissions required for this project site?

If special permission is required for this location, please explain and submit any relevant letters of support with the application. SSC cannot fund projects without prior location approval.

Shelford Vivarium, plot of land attached to building

Other than the project team, who will have a stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments affiliated directly or indirectly by the project. This includes any entity providing funding (immediate, future, ongoing, matching, in-kind, etc.) and any entities that benefit from this project.

Please attach letters of commitment or support at the end of the application.

This project is done in collaboration with the Beekeeping Club, though we also intend to reach out to other sustainability-focused RSO's for volunteer opportunities and events.

We have gotten approval from Becky Fuller, Carla Caceres, and from Derek Fultz.

We are waiting on a final approval from Brent Lewis.

How will this project involve and/or benefit students?

This includes both direct and indirect impact.

Seeing as we are a student organization, a large majority of the cleanup, gardening, and upkeep of the garden will be done by students.

What are your specific outreach goals? How will this project inspire change at UIUC?

We have two goals with this garden. Primarily, it's a pollinator garden. As such, our goal is that it provides support to native pollinators in the area, especially given the relative lack of flora in that area of campus. Additionally, we want to use this as an opportunity for education. The plot of land is right next to a high trafficked part of campus, and we intend to have events that will offer education on both the purpose of pollinators, and the role of the garden in supporting local pollinators.

How will the project improve environmental sustainability at the Urbana-Champaign campus?

As mentioned above, our goal is to fill this garden with native plants that will support local pollinators. The area of campus that we're transforming has relatively low amounts of flora, given that it's surrounded by university instructional building and suburbs.

If applicable, how does this project impact environmental injustice or social injustice?

Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification

What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date, target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones.

Please be as detailed as possible.

Our plan is to have this garden finished by Fall semester of 2024. Our estimated timeline is as follows:

Summer 2023:

- Begin cleanup / weeding process
- Plot available planting ground & path placement

Fall 23:

- Complete cleanup / weeding process
- Plant Fall native plants
- Lay down mulch

Spring 24:

- Weed cleanup as needed
- Plant Spring native plants
- Continue laying down paving / pathways

Summer 24:

- Plant Summer blooming native plants
- Continue upkeep

Fall 24:

- Final planting / Weed clean up
- Maintenance

List all budget items for which funding is being requested. Include cost and total amount for each item requested.

Please be as detailed as possible.

Total Budget Sum: 3300

2500: Native Plants

200: Paving/Pathway

500: Tools (handheld, IE shovels, tillers)

100: Signage

If the project is implemented, will you require ongoing funding? What is the strategy for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?

SSC provides funding on a case by case basis and should not be considered as an ongoing source of funding

Our largest source of ongoing costs would be plants and soil replacement. We primarily plan on planting perennials, but in the spring we will also be planting bulbs, and we estimate roughly 600 dollars a year will cover continual bulb costs. We do intend on utilizing SORF as a method of fundraising, but beyond that, Beekeeping Club hosts several fundraising events that would also help fund this garden.

Please include any other obtained sources of funding. Have you applied for funding elsewhere?

Please attach any relevant letters of support as needed in a separate document.

We intended to apply for SORF Spring II funding to support this project, but unfortunately that period of funding was cancelled.

Have you applied for funding from SSC before? If so, for what project?

N/A

How will you bring awareness and publicize the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project be reported?

We intend to promote it through our typical channels within our club, as well as reach out to other sustainability RSO's for them to promote as well. For specific events, we will also post promotional posters and signs around campus and the garden itself.