



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

October 17th, 2022

Project: **At-Home Edible Gardening Education Program**

Dear **Sydney Curts**,

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for initiating a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that your project will receive **\$1,765.00** in grant funding.

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

1. The project must be completed within two years. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Assistant Director by **October 17th, 2024**.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester, in the method requested, until the project is completed.
3. The Contact Person will be individually responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The awardee will take the appropriate steps to create a CFOP with OBFS UAFR University Accounting Services. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and the Assistant Director.
6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable 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 should acknowledge SSC funding.
9. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should 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.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC, at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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SSC Signatories

Jack Reicherts

Jack Reicherts, Chair
Student Sustainability Committee

Awardee Signatory

Sydney N. Curts

Sydney Curts
Applicant

**Faculty or Staff Project Advisor
(for Student-Led Projects)**

Matt Turino

Matt Turino
Faculty/Staff Project Advisor

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Project Information

Project: At-Home Edible Gardening Education Program

Funding Source:

Cleaner Energy Technologies Fee (302571)

Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (303692)

Funding Amount: \$1,765.00

Receiving Campus Unit: ACES

Unit Financial Contact: Matt Turino

E-mail: turino@illinois.edu

Project Description:

Within the At-Home Edible Gardening Education Program, participants can attend three workshops throughout AY22-23. Team has tentatively planned for the following dates at ~75 participants.

- Microgreens Workshop (Nov. 7th)
 - Participants will receive a hemp growing mat, seeds, and a container upon request (encouraged to bring their own to reduce environmental impact). This workshop will be led in conjunction with Dr. Jennifer Nelson, UIUC instructor and horticulturist. They will learn how to start microgreens in a non-conventional growing medium and how to harvest.
- At-Home Gardening Workshop (February 6th)
 - Participants will receive a self-watering window gardening container and their choice of seeds. They will be guided through the planting process and learn what to expect when gardening indoors, as well as how to harvest. Additionally, vermiCULTure, another environmental RSO, will partner with us on this event to include vermicomposting education and tutorials.
- Sprouts Workshop (Apr. 3rd)
 - Participants will receive a sprouting jar and lid and learn how to grow sprouts through hydroponics. This workshop will be led in conjunction with a mentor that is TBD.



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The project hopes to encourage, educate, and make accessible to members of the UIUC and Champaign-Urbana communities the ability to sustainably grow food at home. Preference will be given to UIUC students facing food insecurity. All materials and instructions are provided for participants to make the program/workshops as accessible to all as possible.

Detailed reports of participant turnouts, workshop success, as well as workshop photos, will be provided as deliverables for this project.

This proposal directly funds:

- Microgreen seeds
- Hemp mats
- Growing containers
- Window unit containers
- Vegetable seeds
- Mason jars
- Sprouting lids
- Sprout seeds