# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the final steps in completing the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of a Final Report with key information about your project. You will also need to submit a detailed report of expenses (if you don't list it within this document) as well as supporting photos to showcase your project.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* [*sustainability-committee@illinois.edu*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** Improving the energy efficiency of an ultra-low freezer used to store biological materials

**Date of Report Submission:** 1/1/2022

**Project Purpose:**

The goal of this project was to purchase an energy efficient ultra-low freezer to store biological materials

**Project Summary:**

An ultra-low freezer has been purchased, installed and is now securely storing biological materials in the lab.

**Summary of Project Expenditures:**

The freezer cost $13,425, the $10,000 from SSC was used to contribute to those costs, the difference was made up for using discretionary funds.

**Problems/Challenges Encountered**

It took a little longer than expected to receive the freezer due to supply chain issues, and a little longer to install the freezer because the electrical outlet needed to be refitted.

**Problems/Challenges Encountered**

Please describe any challenges or setbacks that may have impacted your project and how they were addressed

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Undergraduate and graduate students are involved in all aspects of research in the Bell lab and are currently storing biological materials for their independent research projects in the freezer.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

We “thank” the SSC on the ultralow freezer itself.

**Additional Comments:**

Any additional comments/relevant information for this report

In addition to the above fields, please provide a detailed accounting of how the funding was spent as well as pictures of the final project in an email to [sustainability-committee@illinois.edu](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu). Thank you again for your commitment to sustainability.