# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *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**.*

**Project Name:** Green Globes

**Date of Report Submission:** 5/7/2023

**Project Purpose:**

The Green Globes (previously known as Sustainability Grammys) is an event is designed to reward RSOs and sustainable organizations for their active participation in sustainability initiatives. We invited the members of any active student organizations on campus to attend this second annual event. RSOs/sustainable organizations submitted an act of sustainability that their group has accomplished this past year (May 2022 – May 2023) to be recognized at the event. Based on these applications, we recognized several RSOs/sustainable organizations and their achievements and provided monetary awards for "Impact”, “Engagement", and “Initiative” categories to three student organizations.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

We received $9000 last year after applying for a funding grant from SSC to award scholarships that aid multiple student organizations in furthering their sustainability initiatives. We used the funding we received last year for this year’s event as well. I have attached the funding award and acceptance letter detailing the funding that we received for this event.

**Project Progress to Date:**

We successfully received eighteen environmental organization applicants to participate in our event, and we asked people to submit their applications by April 10th, 2023. This is double the number of groups that applied last year, which shows that this is something that students value. The Green Globes took place Thursday, April 20th, 2023 from 6-7:30 pm. We were able to secure refreshments, a venue location (the Siebel Center for Design), and the necessary funding to be able to provide three scholarships at the event. We had a successful turnout with more than 75 people in attendance, and organization members were able to mingle and learn about each other’s sustainability initiatives.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Students have been involved in our project so far because this is a student-run event based on student participation. iSEE interns, SSC members, and SSLC co-presidents all created and executed this event together. We highlighted efforts from Eco Illini Supermileage, Red Bison Ecological Restoration, Illini Solar Car, SECS, Project 4 Less, Grow 2 Give, SECS, FTGU, Illinois Solar Decathalon, Illini Democrats, Outdoor Adventure Club, Sigma Lamba Gamma National Sorority, Inc., Precious Plastics, INSPIRE UIUC, IWCC, YDSA, Sustainability LLC, Environmental Coalition, and Illinois Urban Farmers. Students from each of these environmental organizations were able to attend our event.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

We conducted marketing and promotion efforts by collaborating with other organizations on campus like SSC and SSLC. This collaboration allowed us to reach a wider range of audiences to apply for this event and reach out to more people in the environmental community. We created a Green Globes 2023 application form and sent it to a list of about 30 departments or groups that were environmentally related in some form. SSLC co-presidents also reached out to RSOs on their mailing list, which helped to increase visibility of the program. iSEE included the event in their newsletter and on their social media.

**Additional Comments:**

We are excited to continue this event annually each spring!