



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

May 1st, 2020

Project: Diversity and Inclusion Center

Dear Mx. Shawna Patterson-Stephens:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE) that your project receives **\$20,000** in grant funding.

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

1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Coordinator by May of 2022.
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 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 Coordinator.
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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Project Information

Project: Diversion and Inclusion Center

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Student Affairs

Unit Financial Contact: Joshua Williams

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Project Description:

Under the umbrella of OIIR and along with several partners throughout our community, we seek to explore the feasibility of a multifunctional space which will allow for in-depth examinations of the complex layers of diversity, equity, and inclusion using an interdisciplinary lens. Said space will accommodate our interest in building upon existing campus conversations and knowledge sharing with regard to sustainability and environmental justice. We aim to integrate several functions which will enrich our focus on the cultural significance of environmentalism across cultures, functions that include (1) environmentally-friendly materials, (2) rooftop gardens with plants indigenous to the region, (3) solar panels, (4) natural lighting, (5) composting, (6) reverse osmosis water filters, (7) rainwater harvesting, (8) composting toilets, as well as affording space for wellness and study lounges, ritual observances, student organizations, classrooms/courses, and large-scale lectures, films, and performances. From dialogue on land rights and food diversity, to the importance of green space and serving as water protectors, this physical structure will support campus efforts to enhance the natural and built environment in which we learn, work, and live.

This proposal directly funds:

1. Feasibility Study