



## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### Funding Application – Step II

#### 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 Step 2 funding application should include this application, the supplemental budget form, and any letters of support.**

Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation to [Sustainability-Committee@illinois.edu](mailto: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](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu).

## General & Contact Information

**Project Name:** Krannert Center Recycling Project

**Total Amount Requested from SSC:** \$35,000

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

**Applicant Name:** Cynthia Howard/John Williams

**Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization):** Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

**Email Address:** choward1@illinois.edu/jowillia@illinois.edu

### Check one:

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

### Project Team Members

| Name | Department              | Email         |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Name | Department/Organization | Email Address |
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### **Student-Led Projects (Mandatory):**

Name of Faculty or Staff Project Advisor:

Advisor's Email Address:

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

Contact Name: Cynthia Howard

Unit/Department: Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

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## Project Information

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

*One of Krannert Center's critical strategic pathways is to continue to make a significant and visible, assessable societal impact through the arts by responding to major social and global issues such as sustainability and the environment, and health and well-being. The Center accomplishes this through initiatives such as biodegradable food containers at Intermezzo Café and recycling programs for batteries, light bulbs, cardboard, metal, wood, electronics, and aerosol cans. Krannert Center's recycling efforts for waste generated by students, faculty, staff, and patrons were centered around campus's waste transfer station being a mixed-waste facility where all items could be thrown into one receptacle, and the recyclables would be sorted out later. This was advertised to all who entered the building through graphics printed on the trash bins. Krannert Center was informed this year that the language was inaccurate and should be removed. Since then management has received inquiries from various users of the building who are concerned about seeing no option for recycling their waste. Adding recycling receptacles that match those recently installed in buildings across campus by Facilities and Services will reduce the amount of trash generated by those who frequent the Center and will serve as a strong visual to reinforce the campus's commitment to sustainability.*

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

*The project will be located within the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. No special permissions are required.*

### **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.**

*This project will have many stakeholders from University of Illinois students, to those visiting the Center for a performance, to school-aged children, to faculty and staff. Anyone who enters the doors of the Center will be able to utilize the new recycling bins to make a positive impact on the environment.*

### **How will this project involve and/or benefit students?**

*Krannert Center envisions its work through the model of classroom, laboratory, and public square—reflecting the education, research, and public engagement mission of the University of Illinois. Experiences at Krannert Center form an essential part of the full education of University of Illinois students and prepare students for leadership in our increasingly global society. The rich spectrum of performances presented at Krannert Center—cultural and educational experiences within themselves—are also often closely related to curricula across the university.*

*A cultural asset to the entire student body, Krannert Center serves as both a formal and informal gathering space, not only for educational endeavors (for arts majors and non-arts majors alike) but for social gatherings and for the celebration of students' achievements, such as academic milestones and ceremonial occasions. Estimated conservatively, University of Illinois students use the Center approximately 30,000 times each year. The Center's staff is continually working to create a welcoming environment for students from all majors. Students on the Urbana-Champaign campus are passionate about sustainability, and the Center will promote sustainability by offering a highly visible option for recyclable materials.*

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

*Krannert Center's Publicity Director will publicize the project on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, include a story on our website and send in our weekly e-newsletter.*

## **Financial Information**

*In addition to the below questions, please submit the supplemental budget spreadsheet available on the Student Sustainability Committee [website](#). Submission of both documents by the submission deadline is required for consideration of your project.*

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

*The Center has been fortunate enough to receive funding from the Student Sustainability Committee to conduct a feasibility study on installing solar panels and to support replacing fixtures in the lobby and in the theatres with LED lighting. The LED lighting projects have generated a 44% reduction in the Center's annual energy consumption.*

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

*No, we will not require any ongoing funding once this project is implemented. Existing Krannert Center Building Attendants can handle the added duties of emptying these recycling bins. The bins themselves should last through the next 50 years.*

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

*We have not applied for funding elsewhere.*

## **Environmental, Economic, and Awareness Impacts**

**How will the project improve environmental sustainability at the Urbana-Champaign campus? If applicable, how does this project fit within any of the [Illinois Climate Action Plan \(iCAP\)](#) goals?**

*At the present time, there are no receptacles at the Center for the 200,000 visitors to use to recycle their waste. Visitors are tossing recyclables into trash bins with non-recyclable materials, and those items are all finding their way to the landfill. Giving those that frequent the Center the opportunity to recycle will have a significant impact on the amount of non-recyclable waste that leaves the building and will bring us closer to the iCAP goal of moving toward a zero waste program.*

**How will you monitor and evaluate the project's progress and environmental outcomes? What short-term and long-term environmental impacts do you expect?**

*We will monitor and evaluate the project's progress by tracking the number of times the bins need emptied over the course of a week. Our hope is with ongoing publicity, that number will continually increase, and the amount of trash in our existing landfill bins will decrease. Long-term, our desire is not only to reduce the amount of municipal solid waste going to the landfill, but also to educate faculty, staff, students, and patrons on the benefits of recycling and help them understand the importance of making recycling a permanent priority in their lives.*

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

*Those that frequent the Krannert Center have shown interest in recycling efforts that go beyond the combined waste bins currently in our facility. Our goal is not only to distribute these new bins in enough locations throughout the building to ensure all faculty, staff, student and patrons have access, but also to educate these patron groups on current recycling efforts at the Center. We will launch a publicity campaign that discusses the new bins and also points out other efforts the Center takes behind the scenes to ensure the sustainability of our campus and our world. In addition, we will discuss the significant role the Student Sustainability Committee has played in helping the Center make a positive impact on the environment.*

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

*N/A*