



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

December 13, 2019

Project: Project 4 Less

Dear Mx. Tara Entezar:

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 **\$5,017** 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 December of 2021.
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.

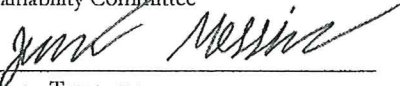


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SSC Signatories



Joseph Edwards, Chair
Student Sustainability Committee



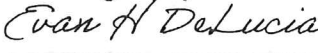
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Awardee Signatory



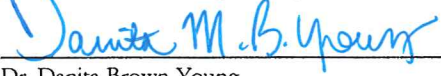
Tara Entezar
Applicant

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Student Affairs Signatory



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Project Information

Project: Project 4 Less

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$5,017

Receiving Campus Unit: Student Dining

Unit Financial Contact: Keith Garrett

E-mail: kgarrett@illinois.edu

Project Description:

The concept of Project 4 Less arose in anticipation to the PUSH conference, or Presidents United to Solve Hunger. In 2014, the PUSH partnership was created to bridge together the goals of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and U.S land-grant universities. Inspired by PUSH, we were driven to make a real change on our own college campus to reduce both environmental and social injustice.

Our University spends large amounts of money each day to purchase and cook food that will ultimately be discarded. At the same time, thousands of people in the Urbana-Champaign community are food insecure. Project 4 Less works to solve both the waste and the want by diverting food from landfills into a food pantry. Each Wednesday evening, 4-5 Project 4 Less volunteers package pre-served food (trays of surplus food that have been prepared but not served) at Ikenberry Dining Hall. On a weekly basis, our operations divert about 260 meals from the landfill to Wesley Food Pantry. At the time of writing, Project 4 Less is the only RSO on campus to engage in food recovery in the student dining hall.

The ultimate goal of our organization is to minimize the amount of food wasted on campus and the number of food insecure individuals in our community. We are currently in the process of expanding our program to include another packaging night each week in partnership with Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in the spring semester, doubling the amount of saved meals. In the next twelve months, either in the upcoming spring or fall semester, we plan on solidifying our partnership with University Place Christian Church (UniPlace) to add a third packaging night as well. As we increase our financial resources, we envision our project connecting with more dining halls and food pantries, with multiple food packaging nights taking place each week.



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This proposal directly funds:

1. Boxes for food
2. Metal tins
3. Refrigerator