



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

May 1st, 2020

Project: Reusable Foodware Containers

Dear Mx. Michael Ponte:

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 **\$10,000** 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: Reusable Foodware Containers

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Receiving Campus Unit: ISEE

Unit Financial Contact: John Pirtle

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Project Description:

- Implement a multi-location program to find out the feasibility of a food vendor using reusable to-go containers (foodware) and silverware in order to reduce to-go container waste
- Model off success of Bevier Café's in-house "Choose to Reuse" green container program
- Expand green container program to neighboring on-campus restaurants, cafés, and food trucks
- Initial trial will be free but next phase of program would include rolling out a paid opt-in program that would help to self-fund the program's long-term continuity (cover the cost of buying replacement containers)
- Partnering locations will promote and offer green containers to customers as an alternative option
- Containers can then be returned to any of the partnering locations
- Partnering locations, all with dishwashing capabilities, will be responsible for thoroughly washing the containers for re-use
- Partners can ask to be re-stocked if more containers are needed since, as an initially free program, it is expected that some materials will be lost
- Important data such as # of food orders made/diverted containers, # of customers, # of washes, costs of utility, and potential amount saved by food vendors if switching from disposable containers will be collected and reviewed to determine feasibility to scale up at other locations (i.e. cities of Champaign and Urbana through external funding)

This proposal directly funds:

1. Marketing and Education



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2. Student Wages
3. Containers – bins, trays, etc.