# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the final steps in completing the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of a Final Report with key information about your project. You will also need to submit a detailed report of expenses (if you don't list it within this document) as well as supporting photos to showcase your project.*

# *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*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** Krannert Art Museum East Gallery Lighting Project

**Date of Report Submission:** 6/7/2021

**Project Purpose:**

Support from the SSC made it possible, as part of the renovation of the museum’s East Gallery, to replace the outdated and unsafe incandescent lighting system from 1968 to an energy-efficient contemporary LED system.

**Project Summary:**

In November 2020, Krannert Art Museum (KAM) debuted the renovated and modernized East Gallery, a 5,000-square-foot space that serves as our primary gallery for presenting temporary exhibitions, which include the annual exhibitions for MFA and BFA students in the School of Art + Design, the most prominent presentations of art by students on the Illinois campus. We worked with the lighting design firm Schuler Schook in Chicago to determine the most flexible and sustainable system for presenting works of art. Funding from SSC helped make it possible to complete the overall renovation, building on funds raised by KAM to support gallery renovations, and SSC support also helped us raise additional funds from the university’s Revolving Loan Fund by showing broad-based campus support.

**Summary of Project Expenditures:**

As a capital project, U of I Facilities & Services managed the overall budget for this project. Funds were transferred to an F&S plant fund as a part of the support of the overall capital project. The $75,000 was earmarked for some of the lighting fixtures/electrical work, which ultimately cost over $400,000.

**Problems/Challenges Encountered**

While the pandemic slowed down the overall project by a few months, and hiccups in the supply chain required us to change the supplier for the wall washers, we were nonetheless able to open the renovated gallery with the exhibition *Bea Nettles: Harvest of Memory* in November 2020.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

The East Gallery has long been KAM’s home for the MFA and BFA exhibitions in the spring, the two most prestigious and important venues for the presentation of student visual art on campus (15-20 MFA students and 100-140 BFA students annually). The renovations, which include the more flexible and variable lighting system, allow the students’ work, which increasingly includes new media and installation art, to be presented and lit more professionally.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

We have acknowledged the grant with permanent wall text in the gallery itself, as well as [online](https://kam.illinois.edu/resource/2019-grants-awards-sponsorships), on our digital lobby screens, and in our annual magazine. The pandemic thwarted our plans for a proper opening celebration of the exhibitions this past year, but we intend to hold an opening for the fall exhibitions in September, to which we will invite the SSC and where we will acknowdege the grant publically.

**Additional Comments:**

It would be impossible to overestimate the impact of the East Gallery renovation at KAM, and we would never have been able to succeed in bringing the project in within budget without the support of the SSC. The lighting system has a life of at least three decades, so thousands of students will be presenting their work as intended thanks to the SSC. Furthermore, because we also completed a roof replacement in 2020, which sealed the vapor barrier, the combination of roof replacement and the energy savings from both less electricity use and less heat generation will have a substantial impact on campus sustainability.

In addition to the above fields, please provide a detailed accounting of how the funding was spent as well as pictures of the final project in an email to [sustainability-committee@illinois.edu](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu). Thank you again for your commitment to sustainability.