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. 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.

General & Contact Information

Project Name: Media Commons Video Production Studio Lighting Replacement
Total Amount Requested from SSC: $5600

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

Applicant Name: Eric Kurt
Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization): Undergraduate Library Media Commons
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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

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Name	Department/Organization	Email Address

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: Kathy Veach
Unit/Department: Library Business Office
Email Address: veach@illinois.edu

Project Information

Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is <u>highly recommended</u> you visit a working group meeting sometime during the proposal submission process.

Please provide a brief background of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes:
You may copy and paste your Step 1 application answer if nothing has changed.
The Media Commons at the University of Illinois Undergraduate Library offers all U of I students, faculty and staff access to our Video Production Studio, and other Media Commons Studios. The studio is primarily utilized by students of all majors and interests for the purpose of capturing high quality video footage, using professional studio equipment (cameras, lights, etc.) Our main goal for this request is to replace our current outdated, high energy consumption fluorescent lighting sources with a far more energy-efficient, low heat producing, and longer-lasting LED lighting system. LED lights also eliminate the need to replace bulbs, especially fluorescent bulbs which are constructed of hazardous materials.

Where will the project be located? Are special permissions required for this project site?
If special permission is required for this location, please explain and submit any relevant letters of support with the application.
This project will be located in the Undergraduate Library Media Commons' Video Production Studio. No special permission is required for this project site.

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.
Please attach letters of commitment or support at the end of the application.
Funding for the Media Commons is provided by the University Library, and the all those who have access to use the Video Production Studio (Students, Faculty and Staff of UofI) will benefit from this project.

How will this project involve and/or benefit students?
This includes both direct and indirect impact.
All students, faculty and staff of the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) have direct and free access to reserve and utilize the Media Commons Video Production Studio. The new lights not only consume less power, and are safer for the environment but also provide lighting color temp control. This allows our staff to provide a more tailored video production recording setup for each student patron and in this way any student can and would benefit from the lighting upgrade in the Video Studio.

How will you bring awareness and publicize the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project be reported?
We would plan to advertise (fully crediting SCC) on our digital signage as well as our social media accounts.

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?
No, this would be our first time.

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?
Please note that SSC provides funding on a case by case basis annually and should not be considered as an ongoing source of funding.
We would not require any further funding or ongoing support for this proposal.

Please include any other obtained sources of funding. Have you applied for funding elsewhere?
Please attach any relevant letters of support as needed in a separate document.
n/a

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?
Improving the lights in the Video Production studio would benefit environmental sustainability in two direct ways. The first is they consume approximately 300% less energy when used. (1540 Watts currently vs. 480 Watts for new lights) The second, is that the light bulbs currently used are flourescent lights and contain hazerdous materials (mercury). These bulbs need replaceing (8,000 hour lifespan) and if broken when replacing, can release toxic chemicals into the air. The new lights are LED and have a 50,000 hour lifespan. (non-replaceable)

How will you monitor and evaluate the project's progress and environmental outcomes? What short-term and long-term environmental impacts do you expect?
Some examples include carbon emissions, water conservation, green behavior, and reduced landfill waste.
No real monitoring will be required. We already know the factors involved in switching to a new lighting system and the improvements that would bring. We will continue to monitor overall usage amount to provide a total energy saving per month/year but the approx. percent improvement is a known number.

What are your specific outreach goals? How will this project inspire change at UIUC?
We want to show that even when utilizing bleeding edge technology and media, environmental sustainability is still an important factor and one to be considered in any project.

If applicable, how does this project impact environmental injustice or social injustice?
n/a