



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

February 14th, 2022

Project: **Prosperemos: Safe Haven - Work Order Funding**

Dear **Abigail Ramirez**,

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for initiating a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that your project will receive **\$500.00** in grant funding.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. The project must be completed within two years. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Assistant Director by **February 14th, 2024**.
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 awardee will take the appropriate steps to create a CFOP with OBFS UAFR University Accounting Services. 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 the Assistant Director.
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



Jack Reicherts, Chair
Student Sustainability Committee

Awardee Signatory




Abigail Ramirez
Applicant

**Faculty or Staff Project Advisor
(for Student-Led Projects)**




Dr. Mimi Thi Nguyen
Faculty/Staff Project Advisor

iSEE Signatory



Dr. Madhu Khanna, Director
Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment

Student Affairs Signatory



Dr. Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor
Division of Student Affairs



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Project Information

Project: Prosperemos: Safe Haven - Work Order Funding

Funding Source:

Cleaner Energy Technologies Fee (302571)

Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (303692)

Funding Amount: \$500.00

Receiving Campus Unit: Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Unit Financial Contact: Virginia Gail Swisher

E-mail: vswisher@illinois.edu

Project Description:

We intend to use the SSC Fund to create a sustainable, accessible, and encompassing symbol on campus for student and community survivors and allies of sexual assault. We hope that the product of this project may be used as a place of refuge, rest, and reflection for those who need it. Consequently, we have not been able to move forward due to lack of funding. We have currently gotten to a stopping point that has limited our future mobility. In order to continue we would need funding for a work order for the designing F&S engineer.

The deliverables of this project:

- We will plant a single tree on the Main Quad with a plaque explaining the origins of the tree and its connection to Sexual Assault Awareness.

- We will have a gazebo constructed in the open space behind the Gender & Women's Studies Department. The gazebo will be built with reusable lumber, which has been identified by the Superintendent of Grounds, which will be provided to the Mill Shop.

- After the gazebo's construction, we will plant native pollinator flowers around the gazebo's base both for aesthetic and environmental purposes. Instead of buying these pollinator



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species, we will be using the ACES Plant Care Facility to plant our seeds in the months prior to installing the flowerbeds.

-For the purposes of our Sexual Assault Awareness gala, we would also like to include Flying Wish Paper under the SSC budget as an alternative to candles or lanterns. The Flying Wish Paper is a key activity of our gala in which attendees will be able to write their intentions, wishes, and thoughts into the universe.

-This event is relying on both the SORF and SSC Fund for our gala and these sustainable projects. Therefore, we are aiming our efforts towards the \$10,000 project budget to cover the costs of this multi-part project.

This proposal directly funds:

- Work order for the designing F&S engineer