



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Application – Student-Led Projects (Under \$10K)

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 funding application should include this application and any letters of support.

Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation by the deadline listed on the SSC website 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: .Prosperemos: Safe Haven - Work Order Funding

Total Amount Requested from SSC: \$500

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

Applicant Name: Abigail Ramirez

Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization): Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated
 - Beta Phi Chapter

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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.): Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated

Project Team Members

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Student-Led Projects (Mandatory):

Name of Faculty or Staff Project Advisor: Mimi Thi Nguyen

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Project Information

Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is highly recommended 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:

We want to know: What is your project? What does it concretely produce, accomplish, or solve? Why is this project needed on campus?

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

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. SSC cannot fund projects without prior location approval.

The project will be located on the grounds outside of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. According to Bradley J Ellison, the F&S engineer the ARC committee is currently working on obtaining a MOU.

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.

N/A

How will this project involve and/or benefit students?

This includes both direct and indirect impact.

Students will be able to understand social and civic movements and/or issues through a sustainable framework. Prosperemos Safe Haven, is a great initiative that pushes past the belief that technological advances are the only methods of creating positive impact on the student body. Sustainability is a large realm that can encompass everyday life, we wish to transcend the stereotypical lens that sustainability is strictly a science; sustainability is a social and human right. Our project would serve as a foundation for the student body to further explore sustainable and justice oriented endeavors.

What are your specific outreach goals? How will this project inspire change at UIUC?

In order to inform our campus and CU community about this project/event we will be creating and hosting various events prior to the actual Gala in April. These events will call upon student and community involvement through service or participation, and will also include opportunities for education on the topic at hand. By making these events public and having them lead up to our Gala we are encouraging people to listen to and understand the historical, emotional, and legal contexts of sexual assault which often go unaddressed in large institutions as well as within our own communities.

How will the project improve environmental sustainability at the Urbana-Champaign campus?

- 4.2 Implement Resilient Landscape Strategy
- 4.2.1 Increase Number of Trees
- 4.2.2 Increase Pollinator-Friendly Areas

Our project will address the above-mentioned iCAP goals through the planting of our tree and the small garden which will surround the base of the gazebo. The garden surrounding the base of the gazebo will attract native pollinators to the area and help in the cycle of plant and animal diversity in our community. Additionally, wood that would otherwise be left to rot, used as mulch, or firewood will be utilized to craft a space that both students and community members will have access to. By providing this lumber to the Mill Shop we are greatly reducing our carbon footprint on campus.

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

Sexual Assault / Sexual Violence is a social injustice issue that we plan to address through an environmental outlet with the planting of a tree and creation of a gazebo on campus. We are bringing awareness to this social injustice as it often goes unnoticed, unreported, or not legally penalized by creating an environment that encourages hope and support for our communities and survivors.

Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification

What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date, target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones.

Please be as detailed as possible.

The project will have a physical presence within the campus by the end of April 2022. The project timeline details the project components that will be completed before the commencement of our Sexual Assault

Project Components		
Project Objectives	2021	2022
Objective 1: Safe Space Creation on Campus Grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site Inspection to Determine Structural-Safe Grounds - Gazebo design with reused lumber - Project Installation 	December	February April
Objective 2: Increasing Pollinator Friendly-Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greenhouse Plant Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plant Selection - Soil Purchasing - Install Garden Beds - Planting native pollinators 	December	February March April April
Objective 3: Incremental Tree Presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zone-Out the Appropriate Location - Tree Selection - Tree Purchasing - Tree Installation 	December	January March April

List all budget items for which funding is being requested. Include cost and total amount for each item requested.

Please be as detailed as possible.

For this application, we will only be asking for the work order for the gazebo design which will be completed by the Design Services engineer . The total amount would be \$500.

**For the future application, on the entirety of the project, there will be a more detailed report.*

If the project is implemented, will you require ongoing funding? What is the strategy for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?

SSC provides funding on a case by case basis and should not be considered as an ongoing source of funding

The gazebo and tree will be managed by the Landscape Management Team which is under the Superintendent of Grounds of F&S. Their duties include providing efficient, cost-effective stewardship of natural as well as built campus assets, which the gazebo and tree fall under.

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.

We have applied for external funding, specifically SORF. Currently we have been cleared by the SORF committee phase and have been awarded a total funded amount of approximately \$8,000. Consequently that monetary value is all accounted for and would all be directed towards the Gala.

Have you applied for funding from SSC before? If so, for what project?

Yes, we have previously applied for funding on the entirety of the project. However at this point in time, we only need the funding for the work order to proceed with this project.

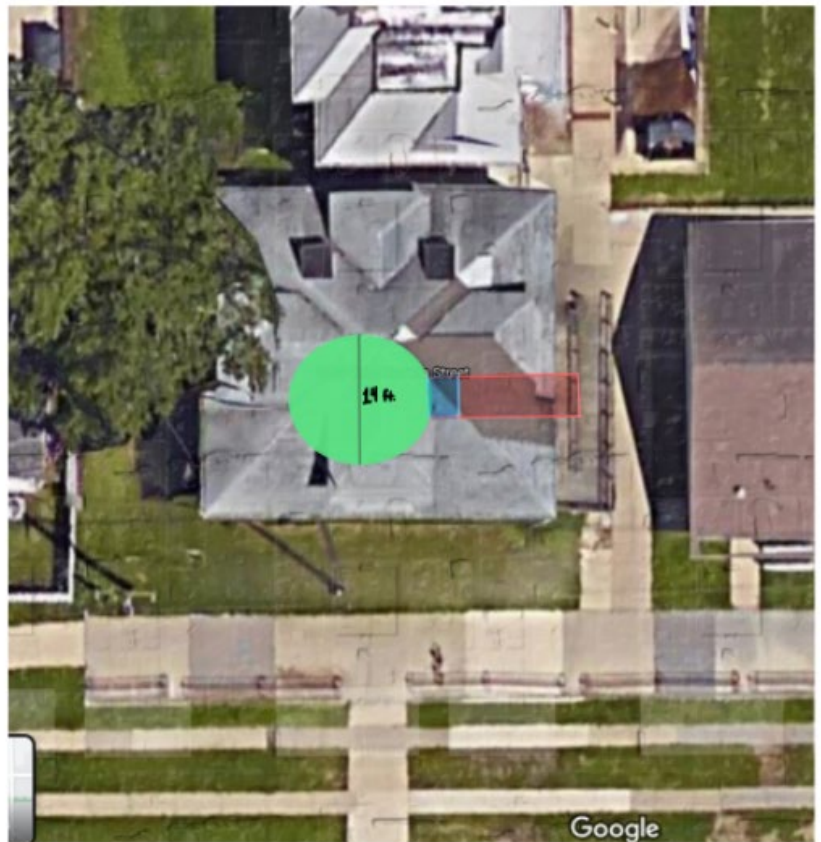
How will you bring awareness and publicize the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project be reported?

Fortunately, the gazebo is a part of a bigger project. The gazebo is meant to serve as a community outlet as part of an extension to our Sexual Assault Awareness Gala that will take place in April at the Campbell Center. The Gala is funded by SORF and we would love to have the help of SSC to work on Prosperemos: Safe Haven.

Prosperemos: Safe Haven will have awareness and be publicized on a multitude of newsletters on campus currently we are aiming to self-advertise but we can expect to be promoted by La Casa Cultural Latina, the Department of Gender and Women's studies, the Department of Latina/Latina Studies, as well as on the Beta Phi Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. social media pages. However if there are any other newsletters that might be interested, we would love to reach out to them.



NOTE: 1203 W. Nevada St. building is no longer present it is an open plot of land.



ACCESSIBILITY

- Walkway leading from the sidewalk to the gazebo
- Ramp leading into the gazebo instead of having steps

Accessible Parking

- Parking Lot in front of Espresso Royale