



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

November 3, 2016

Project Leaders: Alex Dzurick  
Project: Illini Lights Out

Dear Mr. Dzurick:

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 the Illini Lights Out project **receives \$1,000 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 Advisor by January 31, 2019.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
4. 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 Program Advisor.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
6. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
7. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.
8. 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.
9. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2019.

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 Chair, Paul Couston, at [pcousto2@illinois.edu](mailto:pcousto2@illinois.edu) or the SSC Coordinator, Micah Kenfield, at [kenfield@illinois.edu](mailto:kenfield@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:** Illini Lights Out (*Student-Led Small Project*)

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$1,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

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#### Project Description:

The ECBS SWATeam would like to be able to continue the 'Illini Lights Out' program and expand it to one Friday night each month during the academic year. Interest in doing so is based on the phenomenal success of the pilot 'Illini Lights Out' conducted on April 15th, 2016.

In an Illini Lights Out event, pairs or small teams of volunteer students are accompanied by campus security/other personnel (as necessary) and are assigned buildings to audit on the main Quad to turn off non-essential lights in classrooms/bathrooms not in use. Volunteers meet at a designated location to sign in, review safety protocols and receive their tally sheets. Students use these sheets to indicate any empty rooms where they turned off lights. After the audit is complete, students return all forms to designated staff and are then eligible for a complimentary meal (pizza/burritos) in exchange for their assistance. This event both results in direct energy conservation impact on campus and also helps to inspire students to make small behavioral changes to their routine to enhance sustainability more broadly and throughout life.

Buildings audited in the pilot project included Altgeld Hall, English Building, Lincoln Hall, Gregory Hall, Daniel Kinley Hall, Foreign Languages Building, Davenport Hall, and Noyes Laboratory. Given that we would plan to audit a similar number of buildings each event this year, it is expected that 16 – 24 student volunteers are needed per event.

This proposal directly funds:

1. Print and digital advertising for volunteer recruitment
2. Volunteer incentives

