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Sustainability Student Fund Grant Guidelines

The ISU Sustainability Student Fund Grant was developed to empower students to drive sustainability initiatives on campus. The grant offers students the support to strengthen professional development skills, foster innovation, and enhance future opportunities while contributing to greener ISU campuses. All full-time graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply.

Awarded amount	Each proposal is awarded up to $5000 from a total amount of $20,000 annually. There is no minimum amount.
Number of projects funded	Number of projects selected will depend on the distribution of available funding.
Eligibility	Must be a full time graduate or undergraduate student in good academic standing.
Deadline	Project proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Student Sustainability Fund Grant committee. Applications will be accepted beginning of the Fall 2024 semester until October 14, 2024. Selected applicants will be notified early November 2024.
Submission	Interested parties should submit a Project Application to sustainability@isu.edu by the deadline using provided forms.
Duration	Students will have one year from acceptance date to spend the funding and must be enrolled as an ISU student throughout the duration of the project. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Project topics	Project must directly benefit and/or improve sustainability on an Idaho State University campus and address topics within one of the following categories:

- **Energy Optimization**: Projects will enhance the energy efficiency of campus buildings and operations, utilize renewable energy sources, reduce GHG emissions, etc.
- **Resource Conservation**: Projects will conserve environmental resources on the ISU campus such as water, biodiversity, and local ecosystems
- **Consumption and/or Generation Reduction**: Projects will reduce the consumption and/or generation of topics on campus such as waste, water, food, energy, etc.
- **Sustainable Design**: Projects will incorporate sustainability into campus design, construction, infrastructure, transportation, etc.
- **Sustainable Materials/Procurement**: Projects will focus on incorporating sustainable materials into ISU campus activities, implementing green procurement policies, etc.
- **Education, Community Engagement, Behavioral Change**: Projects educate campus and/or community about sustainability, promotes sustainable behavior and outreach, creates

	partnerships within the local community on sustainability projects, serves underrepresented communities within the ISU community through sustainable measures, etc.
Criteria	Projects must clearly address one of the listed topics and have measurable outcomes. Applications that propose to modify infrastructure such as buildings, landscaping, and/or grounds must be reviewed and approved by Campus Facilities prior to acceptance. All construction designs are limited to ISU campuses, no awarded funding may be used to modify infrastructures outside of these bounds (such as community structures or personal residences). At this time project proposals for travel or personal research will not be accepted.
Funding Limitations	Awarded funding can be used for the following: ● Materials & Supplies (as listed on budget proposal) ● Advertising (posters, marketing materials) ● Venue (room reservation on ISU campus) Awarded funding **cannot** be used for the following: ● Cash prizes or fundraising ● Political event(s), lobbying, or religious activities ● Scholarships ● Personal Travel Costs *(food, drink, lodging, gas, etc.)* ● Individual Research *(without a deliverable related to grant goals)*
Funding Allocation	Students will not be directly awarded funding. Project submittals must include a budget breakdown and itemized list of anticipated materials required for project execution. Committee will approve the budget and provide a copy to the Sustainability Office for tracking and approval. Students will be given an EHSS Department Purchasing Card to make approved purchases. Receipts and PCard will be turned in to the Sustainability Office immediately after purchases have been made. Spending will be performed on an as needed basis per the project timeline to ensure excess funds are not wasted. If purchases outside of the submitted list are required, approval from the Sustainability Office must be received first.
Deliverable	Within 30 days of the end date of the awarded project, each recipient must submit to sustainability@isu.edu an electronic copy of a Final Report of work accomplished during the grant period. Project will be featured on the ISU Sustainability website.