

Are attachments and letters of recommendation accepted with the application?

Yes, the Council encourages attachments, diagrams, maps, and letters of approval for more information.

Are there workshops or resources available for applicants?

Yes, there is a mandatory awardee workshop for successful applicants, and resources are provided on the Green Fund Awardee Resources page.

What happens if my proposal gets rejected?

While there is no appeals process, applicants are encouraged to consider feedback, make improvements, and reapply in future funding rounds.

How is the funding disbursed for awarded projects?

Grants are disbursed in two parts: 50% after a mandatory workshop and agreement completion and the remaining 50% after project completion with the submission of a final report.



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Students changed the future of SIU in 2009 when they initiated the Green Fee, which equates to approximately \$10 per semester, depending on total credit hours. It was approved by 73% of students who voted in a campus-wide referendum. On May 7, 2009 the SIU Board of Trustees unanimously passed the fee, providing a regularized source of funding for on-campus sustainability projects.

The Green Fund Grant Program supports sustainability initiatives on the SIU campus for projects in areas like energy, water conservation, waste management, and much more.

Who can apply for Green Fund grants?

Students, faculty, and staff can apply, but student applicants need an advisor, and the primary contact must be affiliated with SIU.

How do I apply for a Green Fund grant?

To apply, download the Green Fund proposal form for the specific funding round, complete it, and email the proposal to greenfund@siu.edu.

When is the application deadline?

The deadline for the 2024 funding round is **March 24, 2025**.

What are the project criteria for Green Fund grants?

Projects should advance sustainability on the SIU campus, utilize the STARS system, contribute to the Second Nature Climate Commitment, enhance environmental and societal sustainability, and have signed approval from relevant campus departments. It requires significant student involvement and matching funds are recommended.

What criteria does the committee consider for funding decisions?

Criteria include student involvement, education components, matching funds, cost-effectiveness, collaboration, and alignment with sustainability priorities.

Who reviews our Green Fund proposal?

The Green Fund Committee, comprised of three students, one faculty, and one staff member who evaluate applications using an approved rubric as a guide, reviews all submitted proposals. Committee then meets to discuss and determine specific funding awards.

Can student-led projects be funded?

Absolutely! Students are encouraged to apply, but an advisor and approval from relevant campus units are necessary.

Can projects receive additional funding for subsequent phases?

Yes, projects can apply for another round of funding, detailing progress made, and if possible, submitting a final report.