

Green Fund Project Final Report

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Project Title: H2O for the RSOs
Project ID #: 17SP101
Award Date: 4/27/17
Completion Award: 6/15/17
Total Funds Used: \$1065.00 + installation labor

1. Please provide a write up of your project/project experience.

This project was proposed by the GPSC and supported by the Student Center. In the past year, the Student Center has reorganized the third floor to better serve the registered student organizations and other students on campus that are interested in becoming more involved. The project aimed to replace the outdated water fountains with more eco-friendly units. The new units prevent students and staff from buying plastic water bottles over and over again, save energy, and provide better water quality.

2. Please provide a summary of your results (environmental, social, and/or economic) including quantifiable data as appropriate (ex. # of individuals reached, lbs. diverted from landfill, energy saved, etc.).

As a result of this project, we hope to decrease the use of non-reusable water bottles. Decreasing the use of plastic bottles is beneficial to both the environment and the economy. The digital display indicates how many bottle have been saved will bring opportunity to teach the campus about the positive effects that can be made by simply using a reusable water bottle. Additionally, this project is decreasing energy consumption as the new fountain can be programmed to cycle only during the times that it could be in use, instead of operating 24/7.

3. Summarize how your project promoted the Green Fee/Sustainability on campus including, but not limited to, flyers created, screenshots of website, signage, etc. Please include website links, if applicable. The fountain was installed on the 3rd floor of the Student Center near the new RSO suite. Recently, the suite was redesigned with the hopes of drawing in the student body and making it a place for students to congregate. The plan is to add signage to the fountain so that students see the green fund at work and it as a sustainable option.
4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to do a similar project in the future? If so, please describe. No

5. Please attach a minimum of 5 digital images –these will be images used to promote interest in sustainability projects on campus. These can be photos of the progress of the project or the completed project.



6. Optional: Do you have any suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund Award Process?