

SIU Sustainability Council Project  
Final Report

Project title: Big Belly Solar Compactor Stations  
Project I.D. #: 14SP105  
Award date: 4/22/14  
Completion date: 9/4/14  
Funds used (if different from award amount): \$4471.95

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Brief write up of project/project experience (not to exceed 250 words):

This project funded the purchase of a solar-powered Big Belly compacting waste/recycle station. This station is positioned at the North exterior entrance to the Student Center and adds to our existing recycling program. This system operates off of solar power and eliminates waste while promoting recycling.

Best things learned/produced from project:

Since the Student Center serves as a hub for students and other visitors to the University, the presence of this station will give them an up-close look at the importance of trash compaction, renewable energy, and recycling. It may also spark curiosity and interest to get others thinking about what they can do to help with the sustainability effort.

How do you define sustainability?

Sustainability has three main aspects: environmental, economic, and social. It is a sum of efforts to produce a better end result. It involves using environmentally friendly products and services as well as being mindful of the impact that your actions are having on the environment.

Has this changed over the course of your project? If so, how?

It is important to keep educating and promoting the sustainability effort on campus.

What do you see as the next step for the project?

The Student Center hopes to continue with this project in the future by purchasing additional Big Belly compacting waste/recycle stations.

Optional: Do you have any suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund award process?

