

Green Fund Project Final Report

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Project ID #: **24SP102**
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Completion Date: 3/6/2025
Total Funds Used: \$7,403.10

1. Provide a summary of your project/project experience.

The project assisted the Saluki Food Pantry in becoming more sustainable. We were able to purchase plastic totes which greatly decreased the amount of food waste within the Pantry. We were able to purchase iPads which allowed us to completely stop using paper applications. This grant also allowed us to purchase reusable bags, which will be great as we strive to make the Pantry less dependent on plastic bags. Finally, the monthly food allowance was vital to the success of the Saluki Food Pantry this academic year. We were able to keep our shelves stocked with food for our SIU community.

2. 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.).

So far this semester, we've seen about 250 folks visit the Saluki Food Pantry.

As for food waste, we've had to compost/dispose of 0% of food due to bugs/weevils getting into the product. This is a huge food savings thanks to the plastic storage bins.

We've collected 0 paper applications this year. All applications have been electronic.

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. (Reminder: you are required to promote your project using at least 2 items from the awardee website promotion list.)

We've placed signage in the Saluki Food Pantry recognizing the contribution of the Green Fun. (Photo 1)
The Green Fund has been noted on our website. (Photo 2)



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Special thanks to the SIU Green Fund Project Grant on providing valuable resources to the Saluki Food Pantry. With their generosity, we were able to purchase storage containers, reusable bags, and iPads to assist students in completing the online application. The Green Fund Grants also provided a monthly food allowance to the Pantry, which helped us to restock the shelves!

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4. Provide evidence of how you used the Green Fund Marker in your project.

The Green Fund Marker was printed directly onto the reusable bags. It was also printed onto stickers which were placed on the iPads, storage containers, and around the Pantry. Photos are attached to the email.

5. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to do a similar project in the future? If so, please describe.

Due to the increased costs of iPads, I was unable to purchase plastic bag recycling bins. I hope to purchase the bins next year (through another grant) and have them available in the Student Center and Residence Halls areas.

6. Provide as an attachment to the email (see email address below) a minimum of 5 digital images. A minimum of one of the five images should include a person. Images should be of high a quality as possible and be attached in jpg format, if available. Images will be used to promote interest in sustainability projects on campus and may be used on our website and in other promotional material. These can be photos of the progress of the project or the completed project. Provide captions for photos here.

- Ipads purchased
- Storage Totes purchased
- Reusable freezer bags purchased
- Students in the Saluki Food Pantry using the reusable freezer bag

7. In 2-5 sentences, describe what you learned from completing the Green Fund grant process. Include a detailed response (Do not simply respond “yes” or “no.”) to at least one of the following questions to help us understand how this project has impacted your overall university experience.

- **Do you have a different understanding of sustainability now than you did at the beginning of the process?** Food security and sustainability are intrinsically linked; a sustainable food system is crucial for long-term food security, ensuring access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food for all, while also protecting the environment and resources for future generations. I’m excited to continue to work together with both the Green Fund committee and the Office of Sustainability to see how we can grow and improve the Saluki Food Pantry for years to come.
- Did you apply knowledge or skills learned from courses at SIU?
- Did the completion of the Green Fund grant process help to prepare you for your future career opportunities?

8. List suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund Award Process here:

No suggestions. Thank you for the opportunity.

Final Report forms should be sent electronically, in editable Microsoft Word format, to greenfund@siu.edu.

This should be completed before requesting final reimbursement. A Sustainability Council designate will review final reports before releasing funds.