



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

May 4, 2016

Project Leader: Hannah Gutierrez
Project: Skip the Bag

Dear Ms. Gutierrez:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) that the Skip the Bag Project **receives \$20,000 in grant funding**.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Advisor by January 31, 2018.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
4. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Advisor.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
6. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
7. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding. This Project must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.
8. Bags funded by this proposal should be targeted for distribution at major campus traditions, if possible, or else to offset current use of single-use bags at university-affiliated retailers.
9. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2018.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Chair, Paul Couston, at pcousto2@illinois.edu or the SSC Coordinator, Micah Kenfield, at kenfield@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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Project Information

Project: Skip the Bag

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Earth, Society, and Environment

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Project Description:

Campus currently gives out tens of thousands of single-use plastic bags every year through its retail operations, including more than 50,000 each year at the Illini Union Bookstore alone. This proposal seeks to address waste by offering reusable bags via a partnership with on-campus traditions and university-affiliated retailers.

Approximately 20,000 bags will be supplied to students alongside an educational campaign about the impact of bag waste. The combination of replacing plastic bags with cloth reusable ones and an educational campaign to ensure reuse is projected to save hundreds of gallons of oil and thousands of pounds of CO₂ emissions.

This proposal directly funds:

1. The cost of the bags themselves
2. Print and design costs for the bags.