

## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

## Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

May 11, 2015

Project Leaders: Kevin Hauger

Project: Recycling Bins for Residence Halls

Dear Mr. Hauger:

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 Recycling Bins for Residence Halls project receives \$56,547.00 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 May 2, 2017.
- 2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Any signage and/or bin labels shall use campus standards for labeling, as designated by Facilities and Services.
- 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 signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.
- 8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding. Projects must communicate with the SSC's External Vice Chair to come up with appropriate marketing for the project.
- 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, Amy Liu, at <a href="mailto:amy.linqin.liu@gmail.com">amy.linqin.liu@gmail.com</a> or the SSC Program Advisor, Micah Kenfield, at <a href="mailto:kenfield@illinois.edu">kenfield@illinois.edu</a>. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment 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:** Recycling Bins for Residence Halls

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$56,547

Award Code: 1-303692-XXXXXXX-XXXXXX

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## Project Description:

This project was developed by Eco-mmunity, a team of students passionate about sustainability, after noticing that students were not recycling within the residence halls. After further research, interviews, and observations of facilities and processes we noticed that it all came down to students' convenience. After completing a pilot study we recognized that if students had the option to sort their trash and recycling in their room, they were much more likely to participate in recycling. With recycling bins placed in each student's individual room, alongside their trash bin, students could conveniently dump them into their corresponding bins in the trash rooms at the end of the hallway. The goal of this project is to create positive long lasting habits that residents and students will continue to use after leaving University Housing. We also hope that this larger awareness and convenience of recycling will stimulate and promote more recycling around campus, as well as set a standard for other non-University Housing and private certified residencies to follow.