



Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

April 24, 2013

Project Leader: Morgan Johnston  
Project Team: Felicia Speranske, John Prince  
Project: Glass Filler Retrofit

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Morgan Johnston:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we 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 Center for a Sustainable Environment that the Glass Filler Retrofit project **receive \$20,000 in grant funding** for the project as outlined in the application. SSC supports using the funding to retrofit as many water fountains with glass fillers as possible as long as the minimum amount listed in the application (fifty-seven) is satisfied. Any remaining funds should be used to install more glass fillers.

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

1. All funds must be spent by May 31, 2014.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by June 30, 2014.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
4. Each project is required to fulfill some kind of outreach component which may require a poster submittal, videos, photos, etc. The project applicant will work with SSC to determine the best form of outreach.
5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC.
6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.

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 SSC Program Advisor, McKenzie Beverage, at [mbeverag@illinois.edu](mailto:mbeverag@illinois.edu). You will be notified when the Center for a Sustainable 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.

SSC Signatories

Marika Nell  
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Chair, Student Sustainability Committee

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Morgan B. Johnston 5/7/13  
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### Project Information

**Project:** Glass Filler Retrofit

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$20,000

**Award Code:** 1-303692-815104-815180-815RET

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Facilities & Services

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### Project Description:

The Illinois Student Senate Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee has a vested interest in promoting environmentally responsible campus policies and projects in an effort to encourage responsible and sustainable practices at the University of Illinois. One of the projects which our committee has been discussing since the beginning of the semester has been encouraging the student body to wean off of disposable water bottles and promoting reusable water bottles, with the greater goal of curbing litter and wasteful discarding of recyclable bottling materials. Through primary surveying, we have all heard many students state that they would be in favor of more trouble-free water bottle filling stations. Our first goal in this process is to encourage the use of reusable water bottles or thermoses, et.al., thereby relieving the dependency on disposable bottled water sold on shelves and in vending machines across campus. With this in mind, we propose to retrofit campus water fountains with water filling stations, in the form of glass filler attachments by which users can easily fill reusable water containers. Through our primary surveying as a committee, we have heard much in the way of student support for a greater number of water bottle filling stations in main buildings on campus. Reaching the primary goal of providing students with an easier alternative to purchasing bottled water will represent the first step in our effort to address the educational, financial, and ethical issues that concern the disconcerting use and waste of disposable water bottles on campus.