UIS Green Projects Application

Full Project Proposal- **Step 2**

To complete your Full Project Proposal, **download this word document and type all answers** to the questions below. Save your completed word document along with any supporting documentation (excel spreadsheet of budgeted itemized items, letters of support, and so on) as new files. Supporting files in Word (.docx) format should be attached to the end of this application in order to create only one Word document. Supporting files in all other formats (pdf, excel, PP) may be submitted as separate documents.

Once completed and saved to your device, return to the Green Projects website at <http://www.uis.edu/greenprojects/get-involved/>

Click the hyperlink titled, *“****Submit your completed UIS Green Project Proposal****”*

This can be found under **Step 2** of the “Submit a Green Project Proposal” section.

You will be redirected to an external WebQ. Upload your completed application along with any supporting documentation by the deadline found in the “**Timeline**” section of the Green Projects website.

**NOTE: Please do not submit this application unless you have been formally invited to do so by the UIS Green Fee Committee.**

If you have any questions regarding the application or submission process, please contact us at [greenprojects@uis.edu](mailto:greenprojects@uis.edu).

**Project Name: Legacy Campus Sustainability Garden**

**Contact Information:**

Project Team

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Organization/Affiliation: Art Student League

**Project Information:**

*Provide a brief description of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes:*

This project looks to establish a more sustainable garden on at least one to three of the raised garden beds on UIS’s legacy “old” campus. First, the plants already in place would need maintenance or removal. After, native flowers would be planted using plugs or native plants already established on campus, spaced roughly 18” apart. Any future maintenance could be done by the UIS grounds crew. The desired outcome is for that section of campus to become more sustainable and more inviting for students to work, have events, and hang out.

*How will this project improve sustainability at UIS?*

The garden would use sustainable plantings that are equipped for Illinois weather conditions. They need fewer resources to maintain, such as fertilizer or pesticides, which can also harm the environment. Additionally, the flowers would promote pollinators.

*Please indicate how this project will involve or impact students. What role will students play in the project?*

Students who would be impacted are the ones who travel to Legacy Campus for school, work, recreation, and other reasons. They would be affected since it changes the look of the space, hopefully providing a welcoming environment for activities.

*Where will the project be located? Do you need special permissions to enact the project at this site? If so, please explain and attach a letter of support to your application. If you are not sure, let us know! We can help.*

On Legacy Campus, there are three raised garden beds around Legacy Campus’s sunken patio area. There are no special permissions to enact the project at this site, I did receive permission from Brian Beckerman, the Superintendent of Grounds, to move forward with this project.

*Other than the project team, who will hold stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments indirectly or directly affected by this project. This includes any funding entities (immediate, future, ongoing, etc.) and any entities that will be benefiting from this project. Communication with affected departments is encouraged ahead of time. List the names of who you spoke with and their comments.*

UIS Grounds crew holds a stake in this project since they would most likely be doing the planting and installation for this project. I have spoken to Brian Beckerman about this project. He already had a plan for this area which was very similar to this one. The only issues that Facilities and Services have with starting this project are due to a lack of extra funds. Even with little funding from the Green Fee Committee, the project could move forward.

*Have you applied for funding from the Student Green Fee previously? If so, for what project?*

I have not previously applied for funding.

**Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification**

*Do you have a plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project.*

*The plan for this project is to have the materials ordered before the middle of the Spring 2025 semester. After that, the planting could begin as soon as the weather gets warmer. A key step would be to check with Brian Beckerman to solidify the planting schedule. This would ensure that the plants would be planted at the right time.*

*List all budget items for which funding will be required. Include the cost for each item requested. Please be as detailed as possible, to the best of your ability. If you know where you would like to purchase materials from, please list the contact information of the retailer(s) below, along with the URL addresses to each item you will be requiring. If you need suggestions for how and where to purchase materials, please contact the Student Sustainability Projects Coordinators by email.*

*Depending on the scale, the price would vary. If there are supplemented homegrown plants, the costs would be less than if only native plant plugs were used.*

*Three raised garden beds:*

* *About 3,500 plants*
  + *At $2 per plant, this would be about $7,000*
* *Supplementing part of the 3,500 plugs for material from seed or existing plants on campus*
  + *Still $2 per plant plug, but cost reduction that would result $4,000 to $5,000*

*Will this project require ongoing funding? Do you have a plan for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?*

*This project should not require any ongoing funding. If any replacements or operating costs are needed, a future Green Fee proposal could be submitted.*

*Every project must be publicized! Where would you like to see information about this project reported?*

*This project could be published on the UIS Green Fee Projects page.*