Green Fee Application

The Green Fee was established in 2013 as a way to support students seeking to implement projects improving campus sustainability. ASUPS recognizes the urgency of climate change, and the necessity to work towards improving sustainability. As such, this is a means by which ASUPS can directly support and encourage involvement with sustainability and environmental justice. The money comes from the ASUPS student government fee; $3 from each student’s fee is set aside for the Green Fee project fund. The fee is administered in two cycles: once in the Fall, and once in the Spring. Students have the opportunity to apply for both. Capital projects may not apply for both cycles for the same project within the same academic year.

The fee should be utilized as a resource for students, either individually or collectively, who have relatively concrete ideas for a project.

Before You Apply
Please meet with the ASUPS Director of Student Interests to discuss your project. They can provide additional support, clarify the application, help you finesse your proposal, and connect you with campus partners to help make your application and project more successful.

Project Eligibility
Projects must perform one or more of the following:
(a) provide resources to students and the campus community to encourage sustainability,
(b) provide educational benefit in the realms of sustainability, environmental, and climate justice,
(c) provide educational benefit to reduce environmental footprint of the University community,
(c) develop capital projects that are able to sustain themselves at least five (5) years into the future that reduce environmental impact of the University community,
(d) develop community benefit that connect the UPS campus to other areas of Tacoma while practicing sustainability.

Funding Level
At the current time, up to $10,000 may be requested, though smaller projects are encouraged.
Previously Funded Projects
Some examples of previously funded projects include the UPS garden deer fence, the Wheelock Student Center bike repair station, and aquatic café cups sold in the UPS bookstore. Please get in touch with the Director of Student Interests (asupsdsi@pugetsound.edu) for more information or to see if your project idea is feasible.

Deadline
Please submit a completed application by mid-October for the Fall cycle, and by mid-February for the Spring cycle. Current deadline dates/times are available on the ASUPS website at asups.pugetsound.org. Applications should be submitted to asupsdsi@pugetsound.edu.

Application materials
Please submit the following materials:

For the following questions, please provide answers in no more than 250 words on a separate paper:

• First and Last name, Gender Pronouns
• Have you met with the Director of Student Interests? If not please include available times for an appointment.
• Short description of your project
• How will this project benefit students, faculty, staff, and the campus as a whole?
• What aspect of sustainability, environmental or climate justice does this project seek to address?
• To what extent does the project advance the University’s sustainability efforts and meet the priorities for improvement as may be outlined by the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) under the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS)? Include letters of support from any club, organization, or department you are applying with (if applicable).
• Does the success of the project depend on the collaboration with other departments or actors? If so, please provide letters of reference indicating their willingness to collaborate.
• Is this project a capital project or an event/campaign project?
• Will your project require on-going upkeep? If so, please outline your plan to ensure project continuity.
• Please attach a detailed project timeline, with final completion date (dates for events/campaigns, work timeline, and completion date for capital projects).
• What is your total estimated cost? Please attach a detailed accounting of your potential budget.
• Have you sought additional funding through campus departments other than ASUPS? How much money have you received?