

THE GREEN INITIATIVE FUND

2021-22

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FEES (COSAF)

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1. AMOUNT OF ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REVENUE GENERATED BY THE TGIF FEE IN 2020-21: \$ 204,735.48

2. 2020-21 USE OF FEE / 2021-22 PROJECTED USE OF FEE

(ADJUST EXPENSE TYPES AS NEEDED)

Expense	2020-21 Actuals	2021-22 Projected Allocation
Student Salaries <i>(including benefits)</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,480.90
Staff Salaries <i>(including benefits)</i>	\$ 30,848.30	\$ 44,150.11
Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Grant Awards	\$ 53,969.34	\$ 141,000.00
Prior Year Grants Remaining Fund Dist.	\$ 69,395.19	\$ 113,427.68
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,500.00
Student Committee Stipends	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contribution to Reserves <i>(net income minus net outflow)</i>	\$ 46,055.32	\$ (273,835.26)
Return of Unused Grant Funds	\$ (1,757.67)	\$ (35,000.00)
Total Fee Revenue:	\$ 204,735.48	\$ 723.43

3. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANY SUBSTANTIAL VARIANCE BETWEEN 2020-21 AND 2021-22:

- The TGIF student fee ceased to be collected as of Spring Quarter 2021. No further student fee funding is incoming to the TGIF fund, aside from a small amount of retroactive “fit up” sent to TGIF after campus fiscal close reconciling.
- TGIF hired a student assistant, and hired a new staff grant program manager on a career position with an end date (due to longer term uncertainty with the referendum).
- We paid a full year of committee stipends (stipends were instituted in mid-year 2019-20 to help promote equity).
- The pandemic response continued to put granted projects on pause, as students to return to campus in person to continue their projects, and we experienced a reduction in grant proposals due to the remote study and work experience for students, faculty and staff.
- We are receiving more grant applications to fund with the return to campus, and expect to be able to give out more grant awards this year than last year during the fully remote year.

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4. IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE PROVIDE PLANS FOR USE OF RESERVES LISTED UNDER ITEM #2:

During FY 2021-22, TGIF will continue to give out grant awards; fund program expenses such as for marketing and outreach, pay for our program manager and student assistant; and pay committee stipends.

During FY 2022-23, TGIF plans to pay for our program manager and student assistant; and pay committee stipends in order to support close-out of granted projects.

5. DESCRIBE TGIF'S ROLE AND FUNCTION ON CAMPUS.

(What Impact does it have on students? The UC Davis campus community?)

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) was enacted by a student referendum Winter Quarter 2016. The aim of TGIF is to provide funding to enable students to have a greater impact on sustainability within the UC Davis campus and the immediate region. The fee collected from fall quarter 2016 through spring quarter 2021 was \$3/quarter/undergraduate student.

The fund provides grants to projects that improve educational opportunities, promote environmental awareness, engage in sustainability research, advocate for climate and environmental justice, increase energy and water efficiency, reduce the amount of waste created on campus, and similar sustainability efforts.

TGIF funds are available only to UC Davis affiliated students, faculty, and staff. Every proposal submitted for consideration must articulate the undergraduate student role in conceptualizing the project or program proposed for funding, and must describe the undergraduate student role in the implementation of a funded project or program. A committee with an undergraduate student majority of voting members decides on awards, and proposals that benefit undergraduate students are prioritized.

NOTE: TGIF ceased to collect student funds after spring quarter 2021. A renewal referendum was placed on the Spring 2021 ASUCD Election Ballot, but low voter turnout in the Spring 2021 ASUCD election meant the measure failed to pass, despite two-thirds majority support among those students who voted, resulting in the sunset of the 2016 referendum. TGIF will attempt a reinstatement through referendum in the Fall 2022 ASUCD Election.