

THE GREEN INITIATIVE FUND

2022-23

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

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1. 2021-22 USE OF FEE / 2022-23 PROJECTED USE OF FEE

(ADJUST EXPENSE TYPES AS NEEDED)

Expense	2021-22 Actuals	2022-23 Projected Allocation
a. Student Salaries <i>(including benefits)</i>	\$3,222	\$4,900
b. Staff Salaries <i>(including benefits and TES Service Fee of \$1,490 and \$4,508)</i>	\$40,093	\$45,608
c. Equipment	\$0	\$0
d. Grant Awards	\$34,833	\$60,871
e. Prior Year Grants Remaining Fund Dist.	\$89,506	\$66,468
f. Supplies and Expenses	\$573	\$1,414
g. Student Committee Stipends	\$5,000	\$6,600
h. Contribution to Reserves <i>(net income minus net outflow)</i>	(\$134,889)	(\$164,278)
i. Return of Unused Grant Funds	(\$37,223)	(\$20,000)
Total Fee Revenue:	\$1,115	\$1,582

2. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANY SUBSTANTIAL VARIANCE BETWEEN 2021-22 AND 2022-23:

We hired a 50 % independent position grant manager (Madison Suoja) through TES and a student assistant. The pandemic response put many granted projects on pause in 2021, but all projects have been back on track and new deadlines have been established for those that were postponed. At the beginning of 2021 we had 38 open projects, we now have 28 active projects.

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3. IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE PROVIDE PLANS FOR USE OF RESERVES LISTED UNDER ITEM #1H:

TGIF is exhausting all remaining funds this academic year (2022-2023), with only enough remaining to close down remaining projects in academic year (2023-2024). If TGIF does not get reinstated through referenda or other means, the program will sunset at the end of this academic year.

4. 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.