

TGIF FEE

(The Green Initiative Fund)

2023-24

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

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SECTION 1: TGIF FEE ALLOCATIONS

Expense	2022-23 Actuals	2023-24 Estimation
a. Student Salaries (including benefits)	\$8,083.09	\$3,952.00
b. Career Staff Salaries (including benefits)	\$44,138.16	\$35,579.96
c. Grant Awards	\$43,403.63	\$52,798.75
d. Prior Year Grants Remaining Fund Distribution	\$50,917.00	\$7,050.00
e. Supplies & Expenses	\$ 13,940.00	\$2,800.00
f. Student Committee Stipends	\$6,610.00	\$3,250.00
g. Contribution to Reserves	\$0	\$0
h. Return of Unused Grant Funds	(\$38,081.43)	(\$35,000)
i. Other (please list)	\$	\$
TOTAL:	\$129,010.45	\$70,039.71

SECTION 2: DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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1. Please describe the department's programs and services funded by the TGIF Fee.
 - TGIF hired a student assistant, and the staff grant program manager on a TES career position with end date 1/25/24.
 - We paid a full year of committee stipends (stipends were instituted in mid-year 2019-20 to help promote equity).
 - TGIF funded 6 projects totaling 43,403.63 in AY 22/23, and has funded 6 projects totaling \$52,798.75 in AY 23/24.
2. Describe TGIF's role and function on campus. What impact does it have on students and 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, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 ASUCD Election Ballot, but low voter turnout in all ASUCD election meant the measure failed to pass, despite two-thirds (about 81% in favor in Spring 23) majority support among those students who voted, resulting in the sunset of the 2016 referendum. TGIF will attempt a reinstatement through referendum in the Spring 2024 ASUCD Election.

3. Please provide information on any substantial variance between 2022-23 and 2023-24

There is a substantial difference in three areas.

1. Career staff salaries is significantly lower, the Grant Manager was hired as a TES employee and reached the maximum term. Their position ended 1/25/24.
2. Supplies and expenses is significantly lower. The committee decided to spend a substantial amount of money on marketing and outreach materials to broaden awareness about the TGIF program to students staff and faculty throughout the 22-23 academic year. In 23-24, the committee chose to prioritize the funding of more projects and granting more awards.
3. Student Committee Stipends is significantly lower. We do not anticipate having a committee over the summer and the committee is 4 members smaller than last year. As the program's future remains unclear, the committee is cautious about taking on more projects and has been conscientious about slowing down the pace of growth for the program, thus the committee decided to not enlist as many committee members as they had in previous years.