Sustainability Minigrants – Announced January 2014

Xavier’s Sustainability Committee wants your innovative, creative projects for increasing sustainability on Xavier’s campus. A third round of minigrants will be offered in Spring Semester 2014! All funded activities must align with Xavier’s Campus Action Plan submitted in October 2010. To learn more, come to grant night at Sustainability Club with minigrant reviewers. Please consult the website for more details from the plan http://www.xavier.edu/green/Campus-Action-Plan.cfm.

Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2014 by 5 pm
Email applications to Sustainability Director Ann Dougherty (doughertya@xavier.edu), Tel: 745-1938.

Award amount: $500- $5,000

Areas of interest:

- Operational –Special priority will be given to innovative pilot projects- Spring 2014
  - Resource/energy saving efficiency projects
  - Cost-saving projects
- Engagement efforts
  - Community partnerships
  - Student programs
  - Environmental activism or education
- Academic initiatives
  - Curriculum development and support materials for courses

Eligibility:

- University sponsored student groups or individual students (all students or students groups must have a staff or faculty advisor)
- Principal Faculty, Clinical Faculty, and Instructors
- Administrative Staff
- Collaboration between multiple departments or groups on campus is encouraged.
- Current grantees are not eligible to apply for a new grant until the project period has ended or their current project is completed and the report has been submitted.

Allowable expenses:

- Equipment, materials, and supplies
- Costs associated with events
- External experts/speakers
- If faculty stipends or student pay are requested, a strong justification must be included.

Unallowable expenses:

- Requested funds cannot replace operational dollars for a current project.

Projects should solve or address an identifiable problem at Xavier- start with the problem and figure out how to solve it. Grants can be pilots that begin small and could be expanded to campus wide or beyond.
All projects should consider using the sustainability framework – environment, social, and economic. (See page 3.) Projects should apply the principles, looking for solutions that meet all the conditions. All projects must show how the impact of the project will be measured and results shared. Minigrant recipients will be expected to work in collaboration with the Coordinator for Sustainability.

Review and Award Process:
- Applications will be submitted to Ann Dougherty, Director of Sustainability by email at doughertya@xavier.edu. The cover page with signatures can be scanned and original sent by campus mail.
- The proposals will be reviewed by a Minigrant Subcommittee of the Xavier Sustainability Committee.
- Decisions on funded proposals will be announced by April 1, 2014. All projects are for a maximum of one year (06/01/14-06/01/15). Projects cannot start before June 1st.
- The number of minigrants awarded will depend on the number of proposals received and requested amounts.
- Grant reports will be required for all projects, due within 90 days after the grant period (but can be done earlier).

Application Format
The following documents must be included in the minigrant application (see format example provided):

1) Application Cover Sheet with the below information:
- Title of the Project
- Include: “Proposal for Sustainability”
- Name of Applicant
- Position
- Amount Requested
- Brief abstract of the proposed project (200 words or less) that clearly and concisely address the goal of the project.
- Appropriate signatures as outlined below

Note: All grant applications must have signature approvals:
- Faculty – Department Chair and Partner from another Department or Division
- Staff- Direct Report Supervisor and Partner from another Department or Division
- Student Groups – Advisor and Partner from another Department or Division (Officers of student groups must be listed with class year)
- Individual students- must have a faculty /staff member sign as an advisor for the project.

(Hint: contact them a month before grant deadline to add their ideas to the application.)

*All minigrant recipients will work in collaboration with the Director of Sustainability.
2) Narrative:
The narrative should be no more than 3 single spaced pages (12pt font) and include the following:

a. What is the “need” for this grant and how was this identified?
b. Detailed description of your project.
c. How does the proposed project relate to one or more of the Xavier Campus Action Plan goals?
d. If funded, describe the impact of your project, who will be impacted (students, faculty, staff, University, community)?
e. Describe how you will measure the impact. What qualitative and quantitative measure will you use to assess the impact and effectiveness?

4) Budget

- Total amount requested.
- Provide itemized detail for each expense (total should match amount requested).
- Provide a detailed narrative that justifies the need for each itemized expense.
- No project can have more than 25% of the budget allocated toward food and incentives without a detailed rationalization for the expenses.
- Include a detailed list of supplies and equipment necessary for the project.
- If a project’s total budget is more than your request, please list other sources of funding that have been secured for the project with documentation.
- If faculty stipends or student pay are requested, provide a strong justification for this expense.

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Sustainability Framework:

A framework for making decisions that incorporates:

- **Community**
  - Social justice, connection

- **Financial**
  - Strength, flexibility

- **Environmental**
  - Nature, resources

**Why?** To meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

**The Challenge?** Integration
Application Cover Sheet Format

Proposal for Xavier University Sustainability Fund

Project Title

Applicant (name, position, department, and contact information)

Amount of Request

Project Description Abstract (200 words or less)

Required signatures as outlined in the guidelines, including partners not in your department/division.

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Project Director Name  Signature

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Name  Signature

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Name  Signature