**Funding Criteria**

**A. General Rules**

1. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit requests for funding. Student-led projects require a faculty or staff sponsor in order to have funds awarded.
2. Funding can only go to university-affiliated projects from students, faculty, staff, and departments.
3. All SSC projects must make a substantial impact on students. All SSC funding is 100% from student green fees, so the projects funded by the students must benefit them.

**B. Things SSC Can Fund, On A Case-By-Case Basis**

1. SSC can fund feasibility studies and design work; however, it must work toward ultimately addressing a sustainability need on campus.
2. SSC can fund staff positions that are related to improving campus sustainability. Strong preference will be given to proposals receiving matching funding from departments and/or plans for maintaining continuity of the position after the end of the initial grant.
3. SSC can fund outreach events with a central theme of sustainability, provided their primary audience is the general campus community.
4. SSC discourages requests for food and prizes but will consider proposals on a case by case basis.
5. SSC can fund repairs and improvements to existing building systems as long as it works toward the goal of improving campus sustainability.
6. SSC can provide departments with loans for projects with a distinct payback. Loans will require a separate memorandum of understanding between SSC and departmental leadership pledging to repay the award in full and detailing the payback plan.

**C. Things SSC Will Not Fund:**

1. SSC will not fund projects with a primary end goal of generating revenue for non-University entities.
2. SSC will not fund personal lodging, food, beverage, and other travel expenses.
3. SSC will not fund any travel expenses.
4. SSC will not fund tuition or other forms of personal financial assistance.

**Instructions**

*Submit this completed application and one map, graphic, or picture to* *Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu**. Please adhere to the session word counts. The committee holds the right to decline applications over the designated word counts. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee Coordinator at* *sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.*

**Project Name:** Campus contributions for Dump and Run

**Total Amount Requested from SSC:** $22,840 ($11,420 in FY ’20 and $11,420 in FY ’21)

**Primary Project Leader Name & Email:** Bryan Johnson, blj@illinois.edu

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| **Project Abstract:** In less than 100 words, briefly describe your project.  |
| Since 1995 University Housing operated a salvage drive as a way for students to donate used furniture, clothing, appliances, canned and boxed foods, and electronics at the end of the semester. In 2012, University Housing collaborated with the University YMCA to coordinate this effort, and in spring 2019, at the request of Chancellor Jones and the University YMCA Board, University Housing and Facilities & Services contributed drivers and trucks to assist with collections. This year, we are working toward a standing commitment from campus to support Dump and Run and are working with the Office of the Chancellor about potential expansion into the wider community. We are seeking SSC support for the next two years for the basic services campus provides, while we identify a long-term strategy for a community-based program. |

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|  | Education | Energy | Food & Waste | Land & Water | Transportation |
| Project Category |  |  | X |  |  |

**Project Team Member List** (student projects must include their faculty/staff advisor’s information)

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| Questions | Yes | No |
| Is this a student-led project? |  | X |
| If applicable, have you received approval from Facilities & Services and/or site manager? | X |  |
| Do you have a plan for ongoing funding beyond SSC? (SSC cannot guarantee ongoing financial support) |  | X |
| Beyond SSC, do you have sources contributing funding or support (ex. staff time, external grants, etc.) to this project? | X |  |
| Have you applied for SSC funding previously? | X |  |

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| **Project Timeline** |
| SSC funding agreements remain active for two years. Please list your project’s timeline and/or milestones. |
| * + Collection bins are placed in University Housing residence halls on Monday, May 11, 2020.
	+ Pick-up of donated items begins on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 and runs throughout the remainder of the week.
	+ Collection of unwanted items concludes as each hall closes on Saturday, May 16, 2020 or Sunday, May 17, 2020.
	+ Final pick-up of spring 2020 donated items completed on Monday, May 18, 2020.
	+ Repeat for FY21.
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| **Project Description** |
| In 250 words or less, describe your project. What does your project hope to accomplish? What are your project’s deliverables? Bullet points welcome. |
| The annual salvage drive event, now called Dump and Run, officially began in 1995 to divert the large amount of waste product being throw away by residents of University Housing residence halls at the end of the spring semester. Prior to the event, unwanted items were simply left behind by residents for University Housing staff to manage. Given the large volume of product and the end of semester time constraints, the only viable option at that time was to throw the items in the trash. Starting the Dump and Run event not only lessened the burden on University Housing staff to remove the unwanted items from the halls, but it also lessened the amount of usable product unnecessarily going to the landfill, helped support local charities, and educated students on landfill alternatives. The reusable materials are sorted, priced, and then sold on campus during move-in week. The success of the program is apparent in the volume of product collected each year.  |

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| **Environmental Impact** |
| In 200 words or less, how does your project increase environmental stewardship at UIUC? If applicable, what is the carbon, water, waste, and/or energy savings? Does your project relate to the iCAP? Bullet points welcome. |
| The annual Dump and Run event supports the zero waste goals of the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) by decreasing waste that ends up in landfills and educating students about sustainable practices. Annually the event collects approximately 30,000 pounds of product from University Housing residence halls that would otherwise have gone to a landfill. In spring 2019, three semi-trailers full of materials were collected then then sold on campus. The event provides an educational component by demonstrating to students that alternative options are available that will avoid sending their unused and unwanted products to landfills.  |

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| **Student Impact** |
| In 200 words or less, how will this project benefit students? How will students be involved with this project? What educational components are in your project? Bullet points welcome. |
| Although the operation of the Dump and Run event is conducted through a partnership between University Housing and the University YMCA, the success of the event is only due to the participation of students across the University. Without students choosing to donate products, the Dump and Run event would have ceased years ago. The University YMCA will also utilize student volunteers to collect product from the different collection sites across campus and sort through items at the main collection center. Student volunteers are usually surprised by the waste that is being abandoned by their peers, and they can see how quality materials can be purchased through a reuse program, to reduce waste, costs, and the associated carbon emissions from creating new products. Given the large amount of product collected annually during the weeklong event, this is clearly an event that reaches many students within University Housing and throughout campus. |