**Funding Criteria**

**A. General Rules**

1. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit requests for funding up to $750. All projects require stakeholder support in order to have funds awarded.
2. Funding can only go to university-affiliated projects on university property submitted from students.
3. All SSC projects must make a substantial impact on students. This may be a direct impact or an indirect impact through education and engagement. All SSC funding is 100% from student green fees, so the projects funded by the students must benefit them.
4. SSC encourages innovation and new technologies – creative projects are encouraged to apply.
5. Unless a type of expense is specifically listed below as having restrictions, SSC can generally fund it. The items referenced below should not be taken as comprehensive.
6. SSC generally won’t fund reimbursement requests.

**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 outreach events with a central theme of sustainability, provided their primary audience is the general campus community.
3. SSC can fund repairs and improvements to existing building systems as long as it works toward the goal of improving campus sustainability; however, a preference is shown to projects utilizing new or innovative ideas.

**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 tuition or other forms of personal financial assistance for students beyond standard student employee wages.
4. SSC will not fund micro grant proposals that solely request staff, faculty, or student stipends.
5. SSC will not fund capital projects using micro grant funding.
6. SSC will not fund staff or faculty projects using micro grant funding.

**Your SSC funding application should include this application and a detailed itemized budget.**

*Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation to* [*Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu*](mailto:Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu)*. The Working Group Chairs will be in contact with you regarding any questions about the application. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee at* [*sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.)

**General Information**

Project Name:

Total Amount Requested from SSC (≤ $750):

Project Topic Areas:  Land & Water  Education  Energy

Transportation  Food & Waste

**Contact Information**

Applicant Name: Trevor Auth

Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization): International Water Resources Association (UIUC Chapter) (a.k.a. IWRA)

Email Address: tauth2@illinois.edu

Check one:

This project is solely my own ***OR***

x This project is proposed on behalf of (name of student org., campus dept., etc.): IWRA

(Optional)

Name of Faculty or Staff Project Advisor:   
Advisor’s Email Address:

Advisor’s Phone Number:

**Project Information**

*Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is highly recommended you visit a working group meeting to talk through your proposal before you submit it.*

*1) Provide a brief background of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes.*

**The event will consist of 6-8 exhibits, staffed by graduate students, featuring visual displays and experiential learning activities. Each station will be designed to introduce participants to the social, economic, and environmental impacts that water availability can have on the welfare of the global population. For example, at one station will have 5-gallon jerricans that women in the developing world use to transport water to their household. The objective is to give participants the opportunity to recognize the physical labor and foregone opportunities that result from lack of readily accessible water.  Our goal is to further educate students and community members and inspire them to use their skills and abilities to help solve society’s looming water problems.**

*2) How will this project improve sustainability at UIUC?*

**Our event will show the current state of water availability around the world, showing students how necessary it is for us to maintain our standard of living, and what happens when such infrastructure is not available. By bringing to light the issues surrounding water inequality, we will show that true sustainability is not possible without addressing this fundamental human need.**

*3) Where will the project be located? Do you need special permissions to enact the project at this site? If so, please explain and attach a letter of support to your application.*

**Our event will take place on Bardeen Quad (or indoors along the Engineering Quad in the event of rain). We have reserved the space and do not require special permission.**

*4) Other than the project team, who will have a stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments indirectly or directly affiliated to this project. This includes any funding entities (immediate, future, ongoing, etc.) and any entities that will be benefiting from this project*

**Stakeholders include all organizations that donate funds to the event, and any organizations that present research or a project related to our event. We have not completed fundraising for this year’s event, but last year’s stakeholders included: Illinois American Water, NRES Dept., CEE/WRES Dept., University YMCA, CV Lloyd, Illinois Water Environment Association, and IWRA**

*5) How will you ensure the sustained existence/maintenance of this project (including reporting requirements) once you are no longer involved? If the project will conclude while you are involved, what will happen to the materials purchased for the project and how will you return the project site to its original condition?*

**This event is oriented towards education and engagement of the campus community; any materials used for the event will be cleaned up or stored for future use. No materials are intended for display purposes after the conclusion of the event**

*6) Please indicate how this project will involve or impact students. What role will students play in the project?*

**This event is completely run and staffed by students, and students are expected to comprise the majority of our audience. The students running the event will engage the participants and pass on knowledge they have gained via their research programs. The experience in meant to help supplement classroom knowledge with real-world application of the issues facing us today.**

*7) Have you applied for funding with SSC previously? If so, for what project?*

**No previous applications (to my knowledge)**

**Scope, Schedule, and Budget Verification**

*What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date, target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones. Please be as detailed as possible.*

**Monday, March 11: Begin advertising event, have participants identified**

**Monday, March 25: Have all material from participants**

**Monday, April 1: Have posters and presentation material created; food and drink order placed**

**Friday, April 5: Receive confirmed approval of posters and presentation material from participants, send material to be printed**

**Monday, April 8: Posters and material printed**

**The event itself will take place from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Bardeen Quad at the University of Illinois on Thursday April 11th, 2019.**

*List all budget items for which funding is being requested. Include cost and total amount for each item requested. Please be as detailed as possible. You are welcome to submit a separate budgeting document.*

**Please see itemized budget below:**

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| **Expense** |  |  |  |
| ***Category*** | ***Actual Amount*** | ***Date*** | ***Budgeted Amount*** |
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| ***Reservations/Rentals*** |  |  |  |
| Tents (10 Tailgate-style) |  |  | $ 500.00 |
| Tables/Chairs |  |  | $ 215.00 |
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| ***Media/Advertising*** |  |  |  |
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| Research Poster Printing |  |  | $ 250.00 |
| Flyer/Ad Poster Printing |  |  | $ 150.00 |
| Stickers |  |  | $ 200.00 |
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| ***Food/Catering*** |  |  |  |
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| Lunch Fare |  |  | $ 200.00 |
| Beverages |  |  | $ 100.00 |
| ***Activities/Crafts*** |  |  |  |
| Jerricans |  |  | $ 50.00 |
| Water Pump Exhibit |  |  | $ 100.00 |
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| ***Misc.*** |  |  |  |
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| ***Total*** |  |  | $ 1,765.00 |

*If the project is implemented, will there be any ongoing funding required? What is the strategy for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs? (Note: SSC provides funding on a case by case basis and should not be considered as an ongoing source of funding)*

**No ongoing funding will be required after the event**

*Please include any other sources of funding that have been obtained or applied for, and please attach any relevant letters of support.*

**We have applied for funding from American Geophysical Union, UIUC Engineering Council, Illinois American Water, and the College of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at this point, and are continuing to request funding from other sources.**

*What is the plan for publicizing the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project get reported?*

**Advertising will be conducted via a website (currently under construction, but 2018 content can be viewed here:** [**waterday.illinois.edu**](http://www.waterday.illinois.edu)

**Posters, flyers, and stickers will be distributed, and a bake sale may also be done to generate interest**