# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* *sustainability-committee@illinois.edu**.*

**Project Name:** Root to Roof

**Date of Report Submission:** December 5, 2020

**Project Purpose:**

Root to Roof is a student-led design-build organization serving the broader community. Our mission is to engage future architects to think critically about locally harvested lumber, hand-crafting, and the principles of sustainability through active project planning and participation. The impact includes: 1) Providing students with tangible experience and encouraging civic engagement; 2) Using the power of design and craft to create solutions for community needs.

The organization will start with small-scale intervention projects. Root to Roof eventually aims to create quality, energy efficient large-scale solutions to solve for issues of homelessness and poverty in the local area.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

| Kilz Primer | 1 | $16.98 | $16.98 |
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| SIMIRON Smark 21 oz. Clear Gloss 100 sq. ft. Dry Erase Paint | 1 | $136.85 | $136.85 |
| 8-Piece High Density Polyester Knit Paint Tray kt | 1 | $10.97 | $10.97 |
| Better 2"/3"/2.5" Brush Variety Pack (3) | 1 | $15.47 | $15.47 |
| 9" Metal Paint Roller Tray | 3 | $3.24 | $9.72 |
| 9" x 3/8" High Density Polyester Knit Paint Roller Cover (3-pack) | 1 | $9.29 | $9.29 |
| Painters Tape | 1 | $5.97 | $5.97 |
| 9" 5-Wire Heavy Duty Roller Framer | 3 | $4.18 | $12.54 |
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|  |  | Total | $217.79 |

**Project Progress to Date:**

In the first year of our organization, we have completed one renovation project successfully. We partnered with DREAAM, a local non-profit organization that provides academic enrichment for males ages 4-24, majority of which are Black and Latinx. DREAAM mainly operates out of the University Place Church and conditions in the Homework Room are not conducive to learning. We designed and renovated the space to tailor it to students, providing a variety of flexible workspaces that improve collaborative and individual learning experiences.

We delivered a total of 14 “Hex Desks” (desks that can assemble into hexagon collaboration stations), three reading nook benches, and painted their cabinets into a mural and a whiteboard station. Since the client had funding and we used donated and ethically sourced wood, our first year’s spending was low.

Our second year of operation will include building up the organization’s members. This includes hands-on training and education of UIUC students in woodworking and sustainable design. Students will engage in small projects to build up their skills and we aim to pursue a project with a new client in the Spring Semester.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

20-30 students

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Instagram and Weebly

**Additional Comments:**

N/A