



GREEN FUND

Sustainability Through Student Innovation

Project Application

Green Fund Mission Statement: “The NAU Green Fund promotes student participation in and provides funding for projects that reduce NAU’s negative impact on the environment and create a culture of sustainability on-campus.”

Requirements for Funding:

- The project must be implemented on campus.
- The person submitting the project must be a NAU student, faculty, or staff member.
- Projects must provide all necessary documents, letters of support, and authorizations prior to submission.
- The Green Fund distributes funding on a **reimbursement basis**. Project teams should partner with an administrative office to provide upfront funding for the project. Once the project has been successfully completed, the Green Fund will reimburse the administrative partner.
- All project applications should be submitted to greenfund@nau.edu for review.

Disclaimer: All applications will go through a comprehensive vetting process. We highly recommend meeting with a Green Fund Committee member prior to submitting the application. The Green Fund Committee member will assist you with every step of writing your project application. If your project is approved, you may be asked to provide more detailed information regarding specific deliverables. The Green Fund is not responsible for acquiring the necessary permits, permissions, or approvals for a project, although we are happy to assist with this process if needed. Additionally, the Green Fund does not provide any ongoing maintenance costs. A sponsoring department must take responsibility for operations and management.

Review Process: Upon project application submission, the Green Fund will review your project within two weeks. At this time, the Green Fund will provide comments on the project. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all components are submitted. **Note:** The Green Fund Committee only meets during the academic year. All projects submitted outside of the regular academic year will be reviewed at the start of the next academic session.

Contact Information

Project Leader Name: J. Owen Murphy Phone: 480-678-5411 E-mail: jom28@nau.edu

Additional Project Leads: Colton Barbaro, Bryce Thayer, Emily Hackett

Project Advisor Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Sponsoring Department: _____

Project name: Green Fund 5k

NAU Department/Unit for funding reimbursements (Attach letter of commitment from departmental representative): _____

Project Overview

Executive Summary

Please provide a brief overview of your proposal. Please address how this project will support the goals of the Green Fund (student involvement, creating a culture of sustainability, and lessening NAU's impact):

This project is for the Green Fund to host its first ever 5k. The goals of this project are to increase student involvement and awareness with not only the NAU Green Fund, but also all of Green NAU. The race itself will be virtual, and participants will be given a t-shirt if they complete the course by the given deadline and send a GPX file to the Green Fund.

Please answer the following questions detailing the components of your project:

1. Does your project require space or construction on campus? If so, where? Please review the "Space Committee Document" located on our webpage and follow the steps to begin requesting a location.

No
2. Have you obtained all necessary approvals for this project? Please attach all letters of support to this application. Letters of support should include confirmation from the sponsoring department that the sponsoring department will cover all upfront expenses and work with the Green Fund Business Manager to acquire reimbursement after project completion. If any ongoing operations and maintenance is required of your project, provide a letter of support from the entity that will be covering those costs and/or services.
3. Will this project provide funding for student wages?

Not directly, but will indirectly support Green Fund members

4. Please list all additional sources of funding you have pursued. Include departments, grants, ASNAU, Graduate Student Government, etc.

5. Have any of the Green Fund Committee members been involved in this project?
 - a. If Yes, please identify all committee members:
 - i. Colton Barbaro
 - ii. Bryce Thayer
 - iii. Emily Hackett

Project Specifics

Please address the following questions. One or more of these questions may not apply to your particular application. Answer as many questions as are applicable to your project.

Relationship to NAU Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. How does your project align with one of the seven CAP categories (Energy, Water, Transportation, Waste Minimization, Sustainable Landscaping, Environmental Justice, Communication)?

This project aligns with all CAP categories as it should increase student participation in Green NAU, which may result in Green Fund projects being done in any CAP category in the future.

Community

2. Is there a public outreach plan? How will faculty, staff, and students learn about this?

The public outreach plan is to utilize all of Green Fund's and Green NAU's social media outlets to increase student participation.

3. Are you working with other groups on or off campus? If so, describe your partnership.

Other groups in the Office of Sustainability will be contacted to further market the event.

Project Parameters

4. What are the environmental costs and benefits associated with your project?

The environmental costs are the shirts and stickers that will be given out to participants. The environmental benefits are difficult to quantify as the variety of projects and involvement in sustainability cannot be accurately predicted.

5. Provide an economic cost/benefit analysis for your project. Focus on identifying specific cost savings.

This project does not have any cost savings. The costs of this project are in the purchasing of shirts and stickers.

6. Is this a one-time expense or will you require future funding?

This is a one time expense.

7. When your project members no longer attend NAU, who will be responsible for running the project?

The Green Fund committee will continue on this project unless it proves to not align with committee goals in the future.

8. How will you monitor the impact of your project after implementation?

 The project will be monitored by the number of GPX files that are received. By this metric, we will know how many students participated.

Project Checklist

Please ensure you have completed all of the following items before submitting your application:

- Meet with a Green Fund Committee member
- Obtain all necessary letters of support (sponsoring department, ongoing maintenance, etc.)
- Project Overview
- Project Specifics
- Project Budget
- Project Timeline
- Complete Project Checklist

Thank you for your submission. We deeply appreciate your commitment to sustainability at NAU, and we look forward to working with you.