



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

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Sponsoring Department: NAU Student Club Organization

Project name: 3rd Annual Student Water Symposium

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

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):

The 3rd Annual Student Water Symposium (SWS), now online instead of in-person, will showcase undergraduate and graduate student research through posters, storymaps, or Powerpoint slides. It will take place at: <https://naustudentwatersymposium.com/>. Through the SWS, students have the opportunity to showcase water-related research among interested peers as well as professional evaluators who will provide comments and suggestions on their presentations. These evaluations are beneficial in developing presentation skills. In addition, the SWS features perpetuates a culture of sustainability through awareness of current water-related issues and their potential solutions. Previous presentations have explored water use and misuse, and how our community can act to lessen our impacts. In addition, our website will screen the film *Hidden Rivers* for all to enjoy, free of cost. It is our hope that this screening encourages greater levels of participation, as it is a wonderful film!

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, our symposium will be held online at the URL written above.

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.

Yes, we have received all necessary approvals for our project. A letter of support from Dr. Denielle Perry is attached. Our committee will work on a reimbursement basis, where our associated bank account will cover all up-front costs. The SWS also will not expect the GreenFund to pay for future events without further consideration.

3. Will this project provide funding for student wages?

No, this project will not provide funding for student wages.

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

STAC- We have received a total of \$2,000 from the STAC committee only for the purpose of funding a speaker (Dr. Zeb Hogan) during the event. However, in light of current national circumstances, there will be no in-person speaker, and no travel requirements. STAC has also stated that repurposing these funds is not permissible.

5. Have any of the Green Fund Committee members been involved in this project?

- a. If Yes, please identify all committee members:

N/A

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)?

The SWS perfectly aligns with the CAP categories of Water, Environmental Justice, and Communication. Water is an unalienable human right, and it ought to be considered as such. In its most simple understanding, water is essential for all life on Earth. Issues pertaining to water use and misuse should be actively discussed, especially in events such as ours. Students that have studied water-related issues should thus be able to share their findings with concerned community members. Communication is key to ensure future changes, as those in our University will go on to be future water advocates in multidisciplinary fields.

Community

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

Faculty, staff, and students will learn about the SWS through email communications sent to multiple listservs. The event will be listed on the TrueBlue, Green Flash, and Green calendars. The GreenFund would receive access to virtual information, like the powerpoint slides on our website and online counts of public participation. In addition, we will advertise the GreenFund's name and logo on our website to express gratitude for your sponsorship! The GreenFund logo would remain on the website under the "2020 Events Schedule" tab for all to see both this year and for years to come, as student presentations will remain posted on the website. Additionally, an email communication can be sent expressing the SWS's gratitude for your contributions.

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

N/A

Project Parameters

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

There are no physical environmental costs and benefits associated with our project.

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

Given that the SWS will be hosted on an online platform, amenities such as building rentals, food, and travel costs are all voided. The SWS simply needs reimbursement to promote an online platform for the event, as it will be hosted on our website. This year's research contributions and the screening of the

Hidden Rivers film will be presented on the website for everyone to learn from. Students will also receive feedback on their presentation skills from professional evaluators. These are low costs associated with the indispensable benefit of education.

We are also asking that the GreenFund would consider reimbursing our promotional items. These are “SWS” marked glass cups that are to be distributed to prominent contributors of our event. These cups would be a token of appreciation for students who have willingly shared research with our community, as well as professional evaluators that have donated their time to provide valuable feedback to presentations. These promotional items would also promote the event to future generations of students at NAU as well as involved community members.

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

The 3rd Annual Student Water Symposium is a one-time expense.

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

Dr. Denielle Perry, in collaboration with two new student leaders, will be responsible for continuing the SWS for the coming year. These students, and their contact information, is described below.

Sarah Burnham: seb392@nau.edu

Caitlin Brogan: crb575@nau.edu

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

Although there are no physical impacts associated with our event, our committee will log the number of students who have shared research with the community. In addition, our website is capable of tracking the number of participants that attend the event.

Project Budget

Please include a thorough breakdown of all project costs, as well as a 5% line item for contingency.

3rd Annual SWS Budget	Price	Quantity	Total
Website hosting Annual fee of \$99, in addition to a website upgrade that allows film screening	\$99 + \$104.81	1	\$203.81
Film screening *Allows for 200+ viewers	\$250	1	\$250
Promotional item *SWS marked glass cups	\$3.16	200	\$632.95
5% Contingency	\$54.34	1	\$54.34
TOTAL SWS COST:			\$1,141.10

Project Timeline

The timeline should include significant implementation dates for your project. Please add information such as shipping time and consider any holidays or breaks.

3rd Annual SWS Timeline	Parties Involved	Date
Website hosting *Annual fee + website upgrade	SWS Committee	March 27, 2020
Film Screening	SWS Committee	April 16th-17th
Student Presentations	SWS Committee, student presenters, professional evaluators, and event participants	April 16th-17th

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.