



The Northern Arizona University Green Fund Annual Report 2025-2026

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Vision Statement

Implementing student-led projects and developing campus-wide partnerships to drive visionary, impactful, and sustainable initiatives and serve as a leading example in higher education.

Mission Statement

The NAU Green Fund promotes student participation in and provides funding for projects that reduce NAU's impact on the environment and create a culture of sustainability on campus.

About the Northern Arizona University Green Fund

“The Green Fund is NAU’s main source for sustainability funding. University students, staff, and faculty may submit project proposals, which are reviewed and selected for funding by a committee of eight students supported by staff and faculty advisors. Projects are supported by the \$15 per student, per semester Green Fee, which adds up to a yearly budget that is upwards of \$600,000. The Green Fund allows students to utilize fee money to make campus a better place for themselves, their peers, and future students.”



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2024-2025 Green Fund Overview

**13 Projects
Funded**

**3 Research Grants
Funded**

**8 Events
Funded**

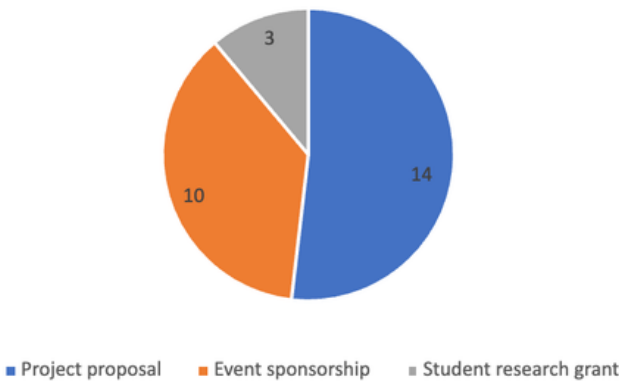
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Summaries**



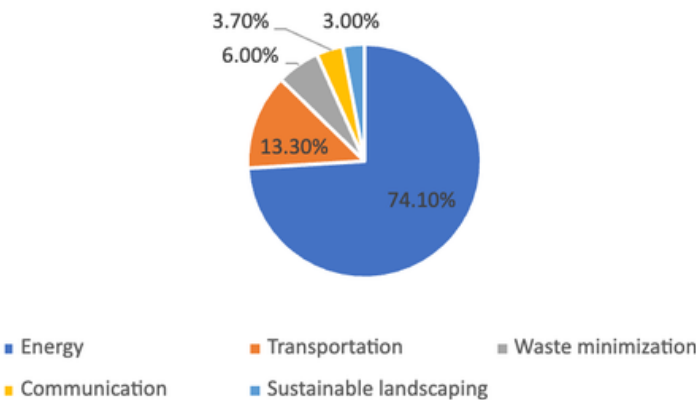
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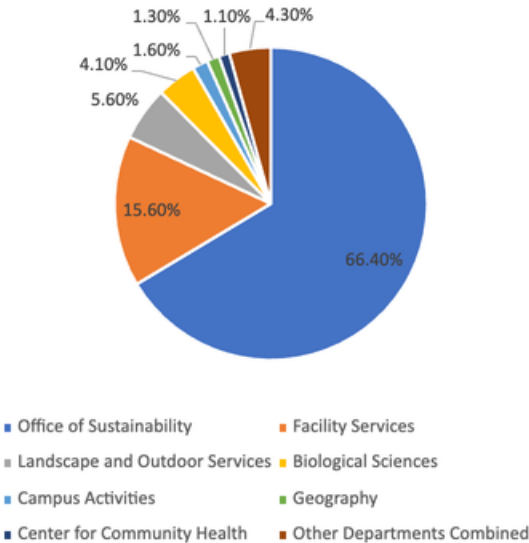
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CAP Designation of Approved Funds



Sponsoring Department Percentage of Approved Funds



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Funded Projects

The Northern Arizona University (NAU) Green Fund has a variety of funding routes for students to get involved with sustainability, and the Project Proposal funding is no exception to this.

Every year, The Green Fund receives Idea Summaries from students, faculty, and staff on the Flagstaff Mountain Campus. These Idea Summaries are brought forth to the Green Fund Committee for review, and typically a full proposal is submitted after this initial process.

Once the final proposal is submitted to the committee, it undergoes a final review process where it is either passed or declined. Once a proposal is passed, the Green Fund will distribute the allocated funds towards the project, and keep track of the project until it is completed.

The Green Fund's passed proposals have to prove that they will improve the culture of sustainability on the NAU Flagstaff Mountain Campus.



Refrigerator Replacement

\$7,788

Facility Services and the Office of Sustainability are significantly reducing campus energy consumption by upgrading cold storage infrastructure in the Science Lab Facility. Led by project leader Trey Cooper and advisor Erin McAnally-Trejo, this initiative successfully replaces outdated, inefficient refrigerators and freezers with state-of-the-art, Energy Star-rated appliances. These new units utilize climate-friendly r600a refrigerants, minimizing environmental hazards while drastically lowering the electricity required to safely store critical biological samples. By collaborating with the NAU Utilities and Property Surplus offices to ensure proper installation and the responsible disposal or resale of old equipment, the team is establishing a rigorous new standard for laboratory energy efficiency. Ultimately, this equipment overhaul cuts greenhouse gas emissions, lowers operational costs, and actively advances NAU's commitment to campus-wide carbon neutrality.

Project Submitted by: Trey Cooper

Project Advisor: Erik Nielson

Green Transportation Week

Raffle Prizes

\$5,367.03

In a vibrant push to celebrate Earth Day 2025, Danielle Linthicum and the Office of Sustainability spearheaded Green Transportation Week, a multi-day event designed to educate the NAU community on the environmental impacts of commuting. To incentivize students, staff, and faculty to ditch single-occupancy vehicles in favor of alternative methods like walking, biking, and taking the bus, the team launched the Clean Commute Challenge. A key driver of this challenge's success was a robust prize raffle funded by the Green Fund. Recognizing that financial constraints often act as barriers to sustainable behaviors, the project provided high-value prizes directly facilitating green commuting. Lucky winners received electric bikes, high-quality walking shoes, bike shop gift certificates, secure U-locks, and Mountain Line bus passes. By supplying this essential gear, the initiative successfully reduced commuter carbon emissions and actively cultivated a lasting culture of sustainable transportation across the NAU campus.

Project Submitted by: Danielle Linthicum

Vermicomposting Living Lab

\$12,423.71

The Vermicompost Living Lab is transforming food waste management at Northern Arizona University's Environmental Engineering Field Station. Led by Dr. Jeff Meilander and an undergraduate Compost Manager, this initiative diverts pre and post consumer food waste from NAU Campus Dining away from landfills, utilizing red wiggler worms to create nutrient-rich compost and worm castings. By replacing heavy machinery with a natural, worm-based system, the project is significantly reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions. The living lab serves as an interdisciplinary hub, providing students in microbiology, environmental science, business, engineering, and sociology with hands-on research opportunities. Additionally, the high-quality compost produced is utilized in the SSLUG garden and across campus landscaping, fostering a closed-loop circular economy. Through collaborative workshops and community outreach, this project is actively engaging the NAU community and local Flagstaff partners in sustainable waste solutions

Project Submitted by: Jeff Meilander



Portable Solar Power

\$2,187.71

The Campus Events Solar Power Station project, led by T.C. Eberly of Campus Services & Activities, represents a significant step in reducing Northern Arizona University's carbon footprint during on-campus gatherings. By replacing a traditional gasoline-powered generator with an Anker Solix F3000 Portable Power Station and 400W of portable solar panels, the department has transitioned to a cleaner energy source for powering equipment at outdoor venues. This initiative directly supports the Green Fund's mission to foster a culture of sustainability and reduce the university's negative environmental impact.

By the end of the 2025-2026 academic year, the power station was utilized at a total of six tailgate events with each lasting an average of 4 hours. Over the cumulative 24 hours, 80kg of CO2 was diverted that otherwise would have been exhausted through a gasoline generator.

Project Submitted by: T.C Eberly

Ride & Retrieve Initiative

\$3,042.29

NAU Fleet Services is transforming its daily operations with the new Ride & Retrieve Initiative, led by project leader Nathan Saurer. This project introduced a lightweight, foldable electric bicycle—the Urtopia Carbon Fold 1—to transport staff during routine university vehicle pick-ups and drop-offs at local repair vendors. Previously, these vendor runs required two staff members and two separate vehicles. Now, a single employee can ride the e-bike to the vendor, easily fold and stow it inside the serviced vehicle, and drive back to campus. By eliminating duplicate trips, this practical transportation solution immediately reduces road congestion, cuts fuel consumption, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. The initiative not only increases efficiency but also visibly promotes sustainable commuting practices to the broader campus community.

Project Submitted by: Nathan Sauer

Project Advisor: Matthew Mitchell

ULT Freezer Challenge

\$3,160

To tackle wasteful sources of energy consumption on campus, the Freezer Challenge Core Team—representing Environmental Health and Safety, Sustainability, and Utilities—is leading NAU’s first campus-wide participation in the My Green Lab International Freezer Challenge. Spearheaded by project leader Jeff Baranowski and advisor Shelley Jones, this initiative empowers students, researchers, and support staff to adopt sustainable laboratory practices. By supplying the necessary tools and incentives, the project supports research teams in performing vital ultra-low temperature (ULT) freezer maintenance, such as regular defrosting, filter cleaning, and inventory organization. These hands-on efforts drastically reduce unnecessary energy consumption while extending the lifespan of expensive equipment and safeguarding valuable research samples. To spark engagement, the program also features an institution-specific competition, celebrating and rewarding top-performing labs for their commitment to shrinking the university's environmental footprint.

Project Submitted by: Jeff Baranowski

Project Advisor: Shelley Jones

P3 Advisor

\$246,750

The P3 Advisor Project is phase one of reconstructing NAU's energy systems to decarbonize the current heating and cooling infrastructure. The advising company, Brailsford & Dunlavey (B&D), will assess the University's needs to figure out what system would be most beneficial for the campus and guide us towards an infrastructure that uses sustainable technologies such as biomass energy systems and ground-source heat pumps. B&D will help the university form a contract with a company that will purchase its energy systems and supply the energy back to the university at a set rate. This project lays the foundations for a long-term solution to reduce the university's emissions and continue to advance the campus's 2030 carbon neutrality goals.

Project Submitted by: Connier Gilliam

Project Advisor: Abraham Henn

Riles 3rd Floor Elkay Fountain

\$3,193.30

The College of Arts and Letters (CAL) is making everyday life a little greener for the Riles building community by installing a new Elkay water bottle refilling station on the third floor. Led by project leader Cassandra Cisneros , this initiative replaces an out-of-service traditional fountain with a modern, sustainable alternative. The new station is a welcome upgrade for the approximately 1,200 students, faculty, staff, and guests who visit the floor each academic year. By providing a highly convenient way to refill reusable containers, this project actively supports the community's commitment to avoiding single-use plastics. It also provides much-needed peace of mind, ensuring everyone in Riles has reliable access to fresh, filtered water even when the building's second-floor station is undergoing routine maintenance

Project Submitted by: Cassandra Cisneros

Project Advisor: Julie Piercing



Facilities Services Electric Snow Blowers \$8,817.27

Led by Curtis Patterson of Facilities Services, the Electric Snow Blowers project aims to replace the Paint Shop's aging fleet of five gasoline-powered units with sustainable Ego Snow Blower systems. The current equipment, which averages 15 years in age, relies on fossil fuels and frequent oil changes while producing high levels of noise and exhaust. By transitioning to electric technology, the department will eliminate these on-site pollutants and provide a lighter, safer tool for staff to maneuver, ultimately reducing the risk of workplace injuries. This pilot program includes ten spare 12Ah batteries to ensure continuous operation during heavy snow and will serve as a test case for potentially replacing all snow blowers across the Flagstaff Mountain Campus.

Project Submitted by: Curtis Petterson

LOS Electric Gator

\$22, 601.96

The LOS Electric Gators project, led by Matthew Espino of Landscape and Outdoor Services (LOS), focuses on modernizing the university's maintenance fleet by replacing outdated gasoline-powered utility vehicles with sustainable electric alternatives. This initiative targets the retirement of high-use equipment from 2007 that has accumulated over 3,300 hours of service and has become increasingly difficult and costly to maintain due to limited part availability. By transitioning to the John Deere Electric Gator, the LOS department directly supports NAU's sustainability goals by eliminating on-site fuel consumption and the associated carbon emissions. In addition to the environmental benefits, the project enhances the campus environment by significantly reducing noise pollution during daily operations, such as transporting personnel and equipment to various work sites.

Project Submitted by: Matthew Espino

Project Advisor: Timothy S. Elliot

Advancing Campus Sustainability with Bottle Refill Station

\$4,515

This project focuses on improving sustainability at Northern Arizona University by installing two touchless water bottle filling stations in the Applied Research and Development (ARD) Building, one on each of the first two floors in high-traffic areas. The goal is to make it easier for students, staff, and visitors to refill reusable bottles, which will help reduce the large amount of single-use plastic bottles used on campus. The stations will replace older drinking fountains that are not convenient or hygienic for bottle use and will include features like digital counters to show how many plastic bottles have been saved. The project also plans to use signs and campus communication to educate people about the environmental benefits of reusable bottles. This project offers a simple and effective way to reduce waste, support healthier habits, and promote long-term sustainable behavior across campus.

Project Submitted by: Michelle Cook

Project Advisor: Stephanie Mayer



Green Fund



Campus Living Fireplace Replacement

\$32,550

The Campus Living Fireplace Replacement project is a sustainability initiative proposed by project leader and Green Fund treasurer Makayla Harmon-McIntosh under the guidance of advisor Erin McAnally-Trejo from Facility Services. The project seeks to reduce campus Scope 1 emissions, improve indoor air quality, and mitigate student fire hazards by replacing traditional methane-burning fireplaces with energy-efficient electric alternatives. The initial phase of this initiative outlines a plan for Facility Services and outside contractors to cap gas lines, insulate chimneys, and install electric units at high-population student areas, specifically the McKay Village Clubhouse, the Calderon living community, and the first-floor Chick-fil-A location in the University Union. To fund this phase, the team has requested \$32,550 from the NAU Green Fund to cover the varying demolition, installation, drywall, and electrical connection costs across the three locations. Full completion of this initial phase is projected for the summer of 2026.

Project Submitted by: Makayla Harmon-McIntosh
Project Advisor: Erin McAnally-Trejo

Invasive Research Grant Match

\$1,175

This project focuses on restoring the Sinclair Wash area on Northern Arizona University's Flagstaff campus by removing harmful invasive plants and bringing back healthier, native vegetation. The plan includes treating large areas of land to eliminate species like Siberian elm, knapweed, and cheatgrass using targeted herbicide applications, cutting and removing hazardous trees, and following up with continued treatments over multiple seasons to keep the plants from returning. The project also includes training staff or volunteers to monitor the area, replanting with native species to prevent regrowth of invasives, and adding erosion control measures to protect the landscape. Covering several key campus locations, this effort aims to improve ecosystem health, reduce the spread of invasive plants into the city's stormwater system, and create a more sustainable, natural environment for both wildlife and the campus community. The Green Fund will provide the cash match required for the project to meet the qualifications for the Arizona Forestry and Fire Management's 2026 Invasive Plant Grant.

Project Submitted by: Janel Wilcox



Building Energy Conservation Initiative

\$6,560.19

The Building Energy Conservation Initiative, aims to reduce energy use on Northern Arizona University's campus by helping people change everyday habits in simple ways. The program plans to give out electric blankets to replace energy-heavy space heaters, since electric blankets use about 90% less energy, and provide power strips so people can easily turn off multiple devices and cut down on "vampire" energy use. It also includes placing reminder signs in buildings to encourage actions like turning off lights, closing windows, and unplugging devices. The project will roll out with materials distributed through a request system and is on a voluntary basis. By combining behavior changes, education, and easy-to-use tools, the project hopes to lower campus energy costs and usage, contributing to a larger goal of reducing utility expenses.

Project Submitted by: Danielle Linthicum

Funded Research Grants

Another facet of funding that the Northern Arizona University Green Fund offers is research funding for people who have sustainability-related research. This route has students interested in funding submit a Student Research Grant application through the Green Fund website. This application goes through the review process with the committee and can get funded.

Many of the funded Student Research Grants come from departments that aren't the School of Earth and Sustainability, and can range in a variety of topics. Certain Research Grants are presented at the annual Student Undergraduate Research Symposium by the Green Fund.

This funding allows students interested in pursuing sustainable research a facet to improve their skills and an outlet to start their original work.



Comprehensive Inventory of Trees and Ecosystem Service Valuation of the NAU Campus \$11,023.35

Student researchers Sophie Radder and Leah Kisto, advised by Chief Sustainability Officer Erik Nielsen, are leading a vital initiative to create a comprehensive, campus-wide tree inventory at NAU. Utilizing TreeKeeper software and U.S. Forest Service protocols, the team is surveying an estimated 6,000 to 7,000 trees to measure metrics like height, trunk diameter, and overall health. This robust dataset empowers the Office of Sustainability and Facility Services to accurately quantify above-ground biomass and carbon sequestration, directly supporting the university's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. Beyond carbon accounting, the project assesses crucial ecosystem services such as stormwater retention and shade provision. By making this data accessible via a public web-based map, the initiative actively informs future landscape planning, enhances climate resiliency, and provides a living laboratory for the campus community.

The student research group presented to the Green Fund committee on Friday April 24th. As of this date, about 10,000 trees have been analyzed with a calculated 34.5 tons of carbon being sequestered each year. Further data is available to the public at the TreeKeeper website accessible through <https://nau.treekeepersoftware.com>. For educational uses, please contact Erik Nielsen (erik.nielsen@nau.edu) or Estella Percarpio (emp349@nau.edu).

Project Submitted by: Sophie Radder & Lead Kisto

Project Advisor: Erik Nielson

Linking Vermicomposting Inputs to Microbiome Function

\$3,990

Undergraduate researchers Brooke Lercher and Andrew Grusenmeyer, advised by Dr. Jeff Meilander, are advancing NAU's sustainable waste management practices through an innovative vermicomposting study. Building on a previously established Green Fund site, the team is investigating how different worm species—specifically red wigglers and earthworms—and diverse food waste diets influence microbial communities within compost systems. Over a four-week period, the students are analyzing samples to identify the most effective combinations for breaking down organic matter. This research provides actionable guidance for campus compost operations, helping to optimize nutrient cycling and divert complex food waste from landfills. By collaborating directly with the SSLUG Garden and the Office of Sustainability to share their findings through hands-on workshops, Brooke and Andrew are empowering the campus community while actively supporting NAU's broader zero-waste and climate action goals.

Project Submitted by: Brooke Lercher

Project Adviser: Jeff Meilander

Experimental 3D Printer

\$2,049.65

The Experimental 3D Printer for Vacuum Moisture Swing project is a student-led research initiative proposed by project leader Justin Patterson under the faculty guidance of Professor Jennifer Wade in the Mechanical Engineering department. Operating as a capstone project with additional sponsorship from SRP, the study focuses on developing a direct air capture pilot plant and lab-scale test bed to evaluate the cost and feasibility of carbon capture technology on the NAU campus. The project aims to utilize a unique ceramic 3D printer to manufacture complex, structured sorbent beds optimized through computational fluid dynamics to separate CO₂ from ambient air using an energy-efficient vacuum moisture swing process. This budget was allocated toward a Eazao Bio Ceramic 3D Printer and additional operating materials.

The team presented to the Green Fund on May 1st; updating the committee on what was accomplished and future plans for the project. The findings from the vacuum swing and model will be utilized by PhD candidates towards validating simulations.

Project Submitted by: Justin Patterson

Project Advisor: Jennifer Wade



Green Fund

Funded Events

The Green Fund always strives to make the funding process more efficient for students to access, which is why the Spring 2024 Green Fund student committee created the Event Sponsorship form for student clubs and organizations on campus to request funding for their sustainability based events.

This process for sponsorship entails the club requesting funding to specify why their event created a culture of sustainability on the NAU Flagstaff Mountain Campus, along with other questions.

Clubs granted funding will receive it to put on their event, and also will have the Green Fund as a part of their event to be a visible sponsor.



Shopping for Resources

\$678.96

Shopping for Resources is a hall welcome event proposed by event leader Coral Ralph and advisor Nakenzie Tall under the Campus Living department on the NAU Flagstaff Mountain Campus. Tailored specifically for the Sechrist Hall community, this interactive "shopping" event allows student residents to navigate various resource stations using tote bags to collect practical, year-round items while learning about critical campus resources. To foster waste minimization and sustainable habits, the event features a laundry station providing reusable laundry balls and education on energy-efficient cold water usage, alongside a "food court" station offering reusable snack bags and cutlery kits to discourage the use of disposable plastics. Campus Living requested \$678.96 to fund these sustainability materials, including 180 laundry balls, 176 reusable snack bags, and 180 reusable cutlery kits.

Project Submitted by: Coral Ralph
Project Advisor: Nackenzie Tall

Glowquest

\$399.28

SUN's GlowQuest Event is an interactive campus-wide scavenger hunt that introduces Northern Arizona University students to sustainable practices and locations. Coordinated by SUN Entertainment in collaboration with the Green Fund, the Botany Club, and SSLUG, the event engages 200 to 300 students. Participants follow clues to various campus destinations, including the International Pavilion and the SSLUG garden, where they learn about local composting and gardening efforts. At each station, students collect stickers on a bingo card to earn raffle tickets for eco-friendly prizes, such as a hammock and a reusable picnic kit designed to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics. By blending fun activities with educational outreach, GlowQuest successfully fosters a culture of sustainability and connects the student body with vital environmental organizations on campus.

Project Submitted by: Miranda Theisen

Project Advisor: Doug Quick



Green Fund

StoryMapAThon

\$2,770.95

The Department of Geography, Planning, and Recreation (GPR), alongside the Geography, Environment, and Society Club (GESC), successfully launched the ArcGIS StoryMapAThon to kick off Geography Awareness Week. Led by Joshua Merced, this daylong event brought together approximately 40 students, faculty, and staff in a collaborative environment. Focused on the theme of "Sustainable Futures," the initiative empowers participants to explore how geography, storytelling, and data visualization can effectively communicate pressing environmental challenges. By teaching attendees to build interactive ArcGIS StoryMaps—platforms that seamlessly integrate maps, multimedia, and narrative text—the event equips the campus community with powerful science communication skills. This hands-on project not only fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration but also leaves NAU with compelling digital tools to advocate for resilient communities, energy conservation, and sustainable food systems.

Project Submitted by: Joshua Merced

SSLUG Fall Festival

\$2,568

The Students for Sustainable Living and Urban Gardening (SSLUG) successfully hosted their annual Fall Fest, transforming the campus SSLUG Garden into a vibrant hub of community connection and environmental education. Led by student Steven Faria and supported by SUN, STAC, and the Geography Department, the event engaged over 600 students, staff, and community members. Attendees celebrated the autumn season through hands-on sustainability activities, including educational tabling, a scavenger hunt, and free pumpkin carving. To foster an inclusive atmosphere, the event featured a catered buffet with nutritious, vegan-friendly meals and seasonal beverages like hot apple cider and hot chocolate. By combining outdoor engagement with sustainable practices, the Fall Fest actively strengthened NAU's culture of environmental awareness and provided a welcoming space for students to connect with local sustainability initiatives.

Project Submitted by: Steven Faria

Project Advisor: Peter Frederici



Better World Film Series

Spring 26

\$168

This project is part of NAU's Better World Film Series, a set of on-campus events designed to promote sustainability, social justice, and environmental awareness by screening educational films for the campus community. The series brings together multiple groups, including Green Jacks, the Office of Sustainability, and the College of Arts and Letters, and features collaborative screenings such as Dolores (with SOMOS NAU), Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind (with Let's Anime), and both WALL-E and The Lorax (with SUN Entertainment). These events are open to all students and faculty and were an effective method of promoting campus sustainability. By combining film, discussion, and collaboration across student organizations, the series aims to raise awareness about environmental and social issues, inspire action, and build a stronger culture of sustainability on campus.

Project Submitted by: Ani Johnson

Project Advisor: Dr. Linthicum



Green Fund

Bike to Breakfast

\$866.24

Bike to Breakfast is a campus-wide event led by Erin Stam of University Transit Services and supported by the Transportation Action Team to promote sustainable commuting at NAU. Held on the NAU campus in conjunction with the city-wide "Ride Your Bike Week," this initiative encourages alternative transit by offering a breakfast station as a rewarding incentive for students and staff who choose to bike or walk. The event is open to the entire university community and will be marketed in partnership with the Flagstaff Biking Organization. To support the operation, which includes Sodexo catering for over 100 participants and facility rentals, the organizers requested a 50/50 funding split from the NAU Green Fund. This event will take place during the summer interim.

Project Submitted by: Erin Stam

Vermicomposting Workshop

\$315

The Vermicompost Workshop is a student engagement and hands-on outreach initiative operating under the broader Vermicompost Living Lab research project; advised by Dr. Jeff Meilander and managed by undergraduate researcher Charlotte Hurley. Designed to test the long-term feasibility of vermicomposting on the NAU campus, this living lab demonstration supports campus waste minimization goals by showcasing practical methods to divert food waste into environmentally beneficial resources. Taking place in the campus SSLUG garden, the event will feature an educational presentation on the principles of vermicomposting followed by an interactive outdoor session where participants will help revitalize and convert existing campus bins into active vermicompost systems. Following the workshop, these bins will remain permanently at the SSLUG Garden for ongoing upkeep by staff and club members. The budget was allocated toward purchasing 10,000 Red Wiggler Worms.

Project Submitted by: Ani Johnson

Project Advisor: Dr. Linthicum



Books, Brushes, and Brews

\$1,024.81

The NAU Green Fund, in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability, Green Jacks, Botany Club, and SSLUG, successfully hosted the "Books, Brushes, & Brews" event on the North Campus Starbucks lawn. Led by organizers Kayla Tallmadge and Amanda Schofer, this interactive gathering served as a dynamic educational opportunity for the campus community to learn about local sustainability-focused organizations. Students were invited to connect with these groups while participating in engaging activities that promote sustainable practices and upcycling. The event featured a hands-on mug-decorating station and a community book swap where attendees could exchange old reading materials for new ones. Accompanied by seasonal refreshments like hot cider and baked goods, this inviting atmosphere effectively encouraged students to join green clubs and integrate sustainable actions into their daily lives.

Project Submitted by: Erin Stam

Funded Addendums

The Green Fund offers Addendums as a route for projects, research grants, and funded events that have already been passed to apply for more funding. These situations can happen for a number of reasons; most of which being for unrepresented costs that weren't foreseen in the original proposal / application that was submitted.

The Green Fund has this available in case of times when more funding is needed for a project to be completed, or for any other reason that the committee finds acceptable for more funding to be given to the team involved.

Campus Tree Inventory

\$9,131.07

The Campus Tree Inventory Project is an ongoing initiative aimed at completing a comprehensive tree inventory across the NAU main campus. The project was initially launched with a grant from the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, alongside a cash match from the Office of Sustainability. However, by August 2025, these original grant resources were fully expended while significant areas of the campus still remained unmapped. To keep student crews working the Green Fund was able to contribute an initial fund of \$11,023.35 in fall 2025 towards student wages. Additional funds were requested for student wages in spring 2026 and the project is aimed to be completed in in the next few months.

Project Submitted by: Sophie Radder
Project Advisor: Erik Nielsen

Bus Electrification

First Portion: \$250,000

Second Portion: \$137,500

Third Portion: \$137,500

The Bus Electrification project was passed in spring of 2025 for a total of \$520,000. This addendum will not be changing the amount of Green Fund contribution to the project but rather splitting the payments into three portions. The first \$250,000 of the project was encumbered and spent in spring 2025 with the other two portions planning to be spent in spring 2026 and fall 2026.

Project Submitted by: Kayla Tallmadge

Project Advisor: Erik Nielsen

