The FSU Green Fund

Workshop presented by:
The Office of Student Sustainability
What is the Green Fund?

• Opportunity to promote sustainability and environmental responsibility
• $ available to support student-led sustainability projects
• Facilitates by Sustainable Campus & Facilities
Goals

• Support:
  – Efficiency
  – Resource conservation
  – GHG emission reduction
  – Increased student awareness of sustainability
  – All of the above especially as they relate to water, energy, waste, alternative transportation, food, etc.

• Increase student participation in building a greener FSU! 😊
  – Develop participants’ project management skills
  – Give students hands-on experience with implementing sustainability
Successful Past Projects

• Hydration stations in Strozier & Dirac
• PeaceJam SE purchased reusable water bottles and compostable cups, plates, cutlery, etc. to be used at their conference of 700 students
• Sustainable Engineering Solutions put up waste reduction signs in the bathrooms at the College of Engineering & gave out reusable mugs for students
Application Process

- www.sustainablecampus.fsu.edu/greenfund
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis
- FILL OUT EACH SECTION COMPLETELY- neglecting any portion may disqualify you
Intent to Apply

• BEFORE submitting a green fund application, you **MUST** send a short abstract to both Elizabeth Swiman and the Director of OSS (contact info at end of presentation)
  – Can be a few paragraphs stating your intent to apply and briefly summarizing your project
  – Allows us to help you foresee any immediate issues with your idea and ensure that we receive well thought-out proposals
Some Ideas!!

- Positive reminders (energy conservation) – ex. light switch plate or paper towel dispenser stickers
- Hydration station for a building
- Bike repair station for a building
- Supplies for a green cleaning education program
- Digital shower timers (water conservation)
- Water/Energy conservation window or mirror cling
- Supplies for CFL bulb exchange program
- Supplies for smart power strip distribution program
- Reusable water bottles for an event
More Ideas!!

• Motion-sensor lighting for a classroom
• Tree-planting days (working with Landscaping)
• Material for planting workshop
• Solar charger workshop
• What’s your idea?
Finding the Right Projects

• Little projects (such as stickers), are great, but don’t be afraid to think **bigger!!**

• Unless you have a large team and lots of connections, avoid large-scale projects
  – eg: Composting, biodiesel busses, making dining halls organic

*If you need help identifying who would need to help with a certain project, you can contact us*
Finding the Right Advisor

- This person must have the power to help you complete your project

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Application Tips

• Give details on **how project success will be measured**, and how each project contributes to **student learning**

• Be as **thorough** as possible when quoting prices and describing implementation
  – Reference any price quotes you include

• Acknowledge and explain long-term maintenance costs

• Have FUN and work on something you’re passionate about!
Hints for Brainstorming Ideas

• Have you noticed any waste on campus? Where? How could we fix it?
• What do you see other schools doing to improve sustainability?
• What do you do in your house or apartment to save energy? Could FSU do something similar?
• What projects and student initiatives catch your eye on campus? How can we make sustainability a more VISIBLE part of campus?
How Can We Help?

• Contact OSS or Sustainable Campus to learn about successful initiatives, project ideas, or just to brainstorm or troubleshoot any ideas you have 😊

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