

## Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

Name: [REDACTED]

Date: November 1, 2014

Contact Email or Phone: [REDACTED]

**Club or Group Affiliation:** Sustainability Ambassadors and the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the UBC Farm

**Amount Requested:** \$1,236.00

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**Approved**                      **Modified**                      **Denied**

**Submitted as of:**

**Notes:**

### 1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

The UBC Farm Symposium celebrates the engagement of students with food sustainability. This one-day event will bring together students, community members, and researchers to join in dialogue about a just and sustainable food system. Through sharing knowledge and experiences, the symposium will showcase the UBC Farm as a diverse resource for teaching, learning and research. Community members will have an opportunity to reflect on the importance of a local food supply while sharing and gaining knowledge on how to reduce the ecological footprint of a local food system. The aim of the symposium is to encourage changing to a practical approach to address sustainability issues, instead of mere dialogue. By the presenting of projects from diverse disciplines,

the symposium provides an opportunity for participants to see the application of sustainable food production principles in a real world context. Furthermore, the symposium inspires collaborative ideas with the UBC Centre of Sustainable Food Systems, with the aim to expand and enrich the research experience at UBC.

**2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?**

The UBC Farm Symposium will give students and community members the opportunity to engage in dialogue, which will be created around the importance of a local food supply. This dialogue will not only be about the highlighted projects, but will also build awareness on the importance of reducing the ecological footprint of our local food system. We hope to engage students towards their environmental system through the UBC Farm, and allow students from varying faculties to see how their majors can integrate sustainability.

The symposium will bring together the knowledge gained from highlighted student projects, as well as that from BC farmers, who will share their experiences about the local sustainable food production practice. The aim is to inspire students to think about and create long-term solutions for the challenges faced by our food systems today.

And as a collaborative event, we wish for the symposium to have a lasting impact at UBC, by supporting cross campus collaborations between students and a broader sustainable community, while sharing knowledge and projects about local food systems.

**3. How will you document the successes and difficulties of your project? In what ways do you foresee this documentation aiding other SEC Eco-Initiatives (approximately 200 words)?**

The planning committee has been recording and documenting all steps of the planning process. This includes program details, list of speakers, sources of volunteers, volunteer duties, list of student and community projects at the UBC Farm, and contact details of the sponsors.

On the day of the event, there will be a photographer and cameraman who will document the speakers, as well as the presentations of the highlighted projects. The Sustainability Ambassadors, as well as the UBC Farm will conduct a feedback time in order to gain reflection from the participants and the people who attended. This will provide feedback on what went well and what could be improved at the event. Also, there will be a time where the planning committee, including others who assisted with the event, will have a team reflection together to evaluate merits and areas of improvement for this event.

We are more than willing to share our planning related documents with other eco-initiatives that would like to have a frame of reference, as well as provide our contact information therefore, allowing the opportunity for future collaborations among the UBC Farm to plan their events.

- 4. For most requests of funding of this amount, the SEC would like to see other funding sources contributing to the financing of your project. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)**

We hope to get funding from the following avenues along with the SEC, but it has not been confirmed yet –


- The AMS Sustainability Fund (\$1,354.00)

The event is also made possible with the ongoing support of other UBC units including:

- Chew on This (Common Energy)
- Faculty of Land and Food Systems
- Sustainability Ambassador Program

- 5. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for?**

We will use SEC funds to provide food, including hearty vegan lunch, snacks, dessert and other essentials to get our attendees and dedicated staff through the day.

**Signed (Your Name):** 

**SEC Treasurer**

Name:

Signature:

**SEC Chair**

Name:

Signature:

**A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants**

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers\*. Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can

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fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to [enviro@ams.ubc.ca](mailto:enviro@ams.ubc.ca). Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.