



The Student Environment Centre

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Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

Name: [REDACTED]
Date: January 15 th , 2014
Contact Email or Phone: [REDACTED]
Club or Group Affiliation: International Forestry Student Association - UBC
Amount Requested: \$500.00
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Notes:

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

International Food Night is a yearly event organized by the International Forestry Student Association (IFSA), with the goal of highlighting the importance of international connections and understanding to solving current sustainability issues, one of which is sustainable food production. This relates to forestry through land-use issues. Agriculture is a necessity, with increase pressures on the system due to growing global population, but this food production needs to be balanced with forested area, which are being increasingly relied on to combat greenhouse gas emissions. This year IFSA is organizing International Food Night in the month of January (January 28th from 4pm to 8pm) so as to be a part of the 'Chew on This' campaign hosted by Common Energy. 'Chew on This' is a weeklong event (from January 26th to 30th) promoting sustainable food and agriculture awareness across UBC. The overarching goals of the event will be accomplished in two ways. First, to increase intercultural understanding and awareness between students, there will be an international cooking competition showcasing international dishes made by UBC students from around the globe. Then to tie in land-use and

sustainability issues there will be a lecture and discussion on a food and forest sustainability in the context of urban growth given by Peter Ladner, the author of 'The Urban Food Revolution'. By hosting International Food Night with Common Energy as a part of 'Chew on This' IFSA will be integrating both sustainability, learning, and UBC community involvement into the event.

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

IFSA wants to educate participants of International Food Night on the rising importance of sustainable agriculture and food consumption. This is because agriculture and forestry are becoming inextricable linked as global climatic changes and increased urbanization continue to occur. In this vein we are choosing to host our event with Common Energy as a part of their 'Chew on This' campaign (described in short above). We will be hosting a presentation and discussion by Peter Ladner, a world leader on sustainable urban development related to agriculture to educate participants on the importance of sustainable food growth and consumption across the globe in the face of modern sustainability issues. He will be also speaking on the importance of developing urban forestry in city plan so as to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental issues. The information and awareness raised through this campaign and the lecture could help students make more sustainable food and consumption choices into the future. As another sustainability component, we will be bringing in the Zero Waste team on UBC to make our event have the lowest impact possible.

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)?

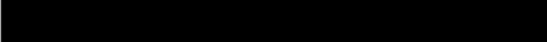
We are documenting the successes and difficulties of our project in multiple ways. First, we are producing a report with zero waste based on the environmental imprint of the event. Second, we will be holding an information session for the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) on February 3rd mid-day in the forestry building. During the event we will be discussing International Food Nights, it's purpose and outcomes. Third, IFSA UBC continuously contributes to the IFSA World online journal by writing about our activities and their outcomes. The event will also likely be featured in the 'Branchlines' Forestry magazine if it is a big enough success. We believe that the widely accessible documentation and reporting of the event could help other eco-initiatives by outlining the benefits of joint environmentally orientated on campus events. Our feedback will also help them avoid pitfalls, and imitate successful strategies.

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 are pursuing other funding through the Global Lounge (still pending), as well as the Faculty of Forestry has agreed to partially support our event. We are hoping to have funding from the SEC to cover the different between what has been allotted thus far and the substantial actual event costs, which are not fully covered as of yet.

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

The funds from the SEC will used to rent the material for the chefs to serve their dishes to the participants. Each international dish prepared by each team will be made prior to the event. However, chafing dishes are required to serve the dishes, and hot plates are needed to allow the chefs to heat up their dishes prior to serving the food at the event. The costs of these rentals total approximately \$867.00 dollars. The funding provided by the SEC will allow us (International Forestry Student Association and Common Energy) to partially offset our rental costs.

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 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. 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.
