

Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

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Club or Group Affiliation (if applicable): AMS Bike Co-op

Name of Project (if applicable): CSA Bicycle Delivery Service

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

The Farm at UBC coordinates a community supported agricultural program over the summer harvest months. The AMS Bike Co-op has developed a partnership with The Farm to facilitate the delivery of these boxes to reduce the barriers faced by individuals trying to access local farming initiatives. The Bike Co-op will facilitate these deliveries through the use of our own cargo bikes, route planning knowledge and the leg muscles of our own members. This program is important because it promotes the use of alternative methods of cargo transportation. This program will also provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for members of the UBC cycling community.

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

Our project is engaged in promoting sustainable farming, improving the Vancouver community's access to organic and healthy local food and reduces our reliance on oil and fossil fuels to access and support these initiatives. This project will showcase the competency of two sustainable student based initiatives - The AMS Bike Co-op and The Farm. Through providing a delivery service for sustainable and organic produce this project will link the UBC community's initiatives to the wider Vancouver community resulting in an increase in the number of people who are positively impacted by these sustainability initiatives.

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 will document the successes and difficulties of our project through the following measures:

- a) Obtaining a feedback questionnaire from those using the service on how it changed their perspective on cargo bikes, assisted them in accessing local and organic food, and reduced their use of fossil fuel transportation
- b) Scheduling exit interviews with AMS Bike Co-op members who participated in facilitating the deliveries
- c) Scheduling a feedbacking session with The Farm and how the delivery service expanded their capacity

This documentation will aid other initiatives through providing feedback on coordinating carbon free delivery services and through documenting the successes and challenges of collaborative initiatives.

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.)

*See question 5 for a breakdown of the budget for this project.

Several other contributors will be financing this project. The AMS Bike Co-op is supporting this project through shouldering the financial burden of the administrative costs affiliated with this project in addition to reducing the cost of the usage of our cargo bikes.

The Farm is supporting this program through advertising the service to their members and offering their administrative services to coordinate the project on their end.

Another group of contributors will be the people directly benefiting from the service. We are running this program partially through user fees. These fees reflect only a fraction of the cost of administering and running the program. User fees for delivery encourage users to respect the amount of work that goes towards providing the service. The user fees will vary depending on how many deliveries are scheduled. We are charging \$5 per delivery.

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

\$900 of the SEC funding will be used to finance honourariums for the volunteers who will be

administering the deliveries each week.

\$180 of the funds will cover the cost of maintaining and repairing the cargo bikes, which need constant maintenance.

6. Budget

Costs:

Honourariums: 1 person X 3hrs X 15\$ X 20 weeks = 900\$

One Time Cargobike User Fee = 180\$

Total Costs = \$1080

Costs Covered by the AMS Bike Co-op:

Administration Costs:

-General Coordination of Project: 1 hour per week/20 weeks/\$15 per hour = \$300

-Exit interviews and assessment of project: 10 hours = \$150

Total Covered by the AMS Bike Co-op = \$450

Revenue Generated from Deliveries:

Projected Scenario: 4 deliveries X 5\$ X 20 weeks = 400\$*

*Additional funds raised through a higher number of deliveries will be divided between compensating volunteers for additional time required to complete the deliveries and covering the AMS Bike Co-op's administration costs.

Total Costs (incorporating revenue generated):

Difference Required by Grant: \$680

7. What is the dollar amount you are requesting from the SEC?

\$680

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. You may also mail us the form, though this may result in delays in processing. 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.

* The SEC's Treasurers are Nicole Lee and Jeff Sung. Email them at nicviclee@hotmail.com and jeffsung19@hotmail.com.