



# The Student Environment Centre

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## Eco-Initiatives Form: \$100 to \$500

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Date Submitted:</b>
<b>Contact Email:</b>
<b>Club or Group Affiliation(s):</b> Common Energy UBC, UBC Sustainability Collective
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$500
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<b>Submitted as of:</b>
<b>Notes:</b>

### 1. Please fill in the fields below to give us an overview of your project:

- **Name of Project:** Climate Town Hall
- **Objective or Purpose:** To bring students, staff, and faculty from across campus together to...
  1. Demonstrate broad and diverse support for bold climate action at UBC
  2. Identify potential areas of improvement in support for current climate research/projects/institutional action
  3. Brainstorm for future bold climate action and lay the groundwork for the strategic plan implementation plans, the possibility of UBC taking on climate change as its “grand challenge,” and the creation of a climate hub
- **Brief Description:** This event will be UBC’s first student organized Climate Town Hall. The event will take place in the the open area in the lower level of the Nest, where all members of the UBC community can drop in and engage with issues related to climate change relevant to UBC. The event

will consist of various tables with posters and other materials where students can, for example, provide creative suggestions for how they'd like the university to engage with climate justice. . There will be speakers and presentations at various points during the event from students, faculty, and staff. Students will also have the opportunity to sign petitions and perform video testimonies speaking to why climate justice is so important. Food will be served to participants.

- Project Date(s): March 6th
- Expected Attendance: 300

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

This event is related to the single most pressing environmental issue of our time: climate change. It is targeted directly at issues of sustainability at UBC.

A student organized climate town hall is unprecedented at UBC, and very timely. Scientists have said that the next three years are absolutely critical to mitigating dangerous climate change. Given UBC's unique potential to address this threat, it is crucial for everyone working on, thinking about, and engaging with climate change and climate justice to collaborate and capture untapped synergies.

The UBC Sustainability Collective wants to use the Climate Town Hall to underscore the urgency of university action on climate change and climate justice, to brainstorm creative and interdisciplinary strategies for addressing climate action beyond improving campus operations, and to catalyze hope and enthusiasm that local action can affect global change. The Collective plans to broadly promote the event on campus and in the community in an effort to inspire other institutions and communities to discuss whether they are doing everything possible to fight climate change in the upcoming critical 3 year window.

**3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what are those sources, how much are you expecting to receive from them, and what will those funds be put toward? We can help you identify other sources of funding.**

This event will be put on through the UBC Sustainability Collective, a coalition of over a dozen sustainability student organizations. We will thus be asking for financial contributions from the budgets of several of the clubs involved. We

are expecting to receive \$100 from contributions, and will put this funding towards food costs.

In addition, we may seek funding from the Social Justice Centre, the Global Fund, and the AMS Sustainability Projects Fund

**4. What aspect(s) of your project will SEC funding be used for? Be as specific as possible with the allocation of funds.**

The funding will go towards two purposes: food and supplies.

We plan to serve light fare and refreshments throughout the entire event. Since the event is taking place over 3 hours and may reach several hundred people, we estimate the funding for catered food (likely through AMS Nest Catering Services) will be \$400.

The remaining \$100 will be used for essential supplies and materials for the event. We will be printing two posters outlining some crucial strategies we have created and put to the highest levels of UBC, which will cost approximately \$60 total. We will also need to purchase a large quantity of chart paper, writing instruments, sticky notes, etc., totalling approximately \$40.