Florida State University
Student Green Fund

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History of the Student Green Fund at Florida State University

- Initial proposal to the student body in 2008
- 3 referendums since 2008 have appeared on student government ballots, each passing by a majority
- Approved by the Board of Trustees - Spring 2012, with unanimous consent
- Continued support for the Student Green Fund through 2013
Spring 2013 Support
### Active Green Fund Programs

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Details of
The Student Green Fund

- Support efficiency, conservation, and sustainability-related projects that reduce FSU’s energy costs, greenhouse gas emissions, and waste.

- 50 cents per credit hour, fixed

- Referendum every 3 years

- Student-oriented management of the Green Fund
Benefits to the University & Community

• Gives direct student input in the improved efficiency and development of campus operations leading to **reductions in energy & maintenance costs**

• Builds project management and technical skills

• Helps elevate the national reputation of Florida State University

• Provides opportunities for student entrepreneurship & leadership
## Implementation & Project Criteria

### Implementation:
- Board of 7 students, 7 faculty/staff, 1 chairperson
- Committee to develop application process
- **All current students & employees may apply for funds**
- Board will review proposals and administer funding

### All projects must:
- **Clearly define measurable goals**
- Demonstrate an immediate application to reducing operational costs, waste, or GHG emissions
- Show alignment with the FSU Strategic Plan, Campus Master Plan, and/or Energy Savings Plan
- **Demonstrate a contribution to student learning**
Research on Student Opinions

What projects would you like to see funded by the SGF?

- Food & Compost: 21%
- Alternative Energy: 9%
- Alternative Transportation: 8%
- General Sustainability: 11%
- Recycling: 12%
- Student Programs: 12%
- Campus Garden: 6%
- Water-related: 6%
Potential Projects

- Water bottle filling station
- Expansion of bike rental/share program
- Solar powered dock/umbrella
- Campus compost
- Efficiency upgrades and alternative energy projects
- Green roofs
- Expedited development of the Campus Garden project
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Leading the Way

• Provide an opportunity for students to gain practical, tangible skills through clearly defined, measurable goals

• Expose all students to sustainable practices through experiential learning

• Encourage the continued proliferation of a student centric university

• Advance the culture of efficiency at Florida State University
Thank You

Questions?