

# 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

## **In State**

- USF (\$1.00; 2011)
- NCF (\$1.00; 2011)
- UWF (\$0.75; 2012)

## **Peer Institutions**

- U. Missouri (2005)
- U. Georgia (2009)
- U. Maryland (2009)
- UNC - Chapel Hill (2009)
- U. Kansas (2009)

# 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:

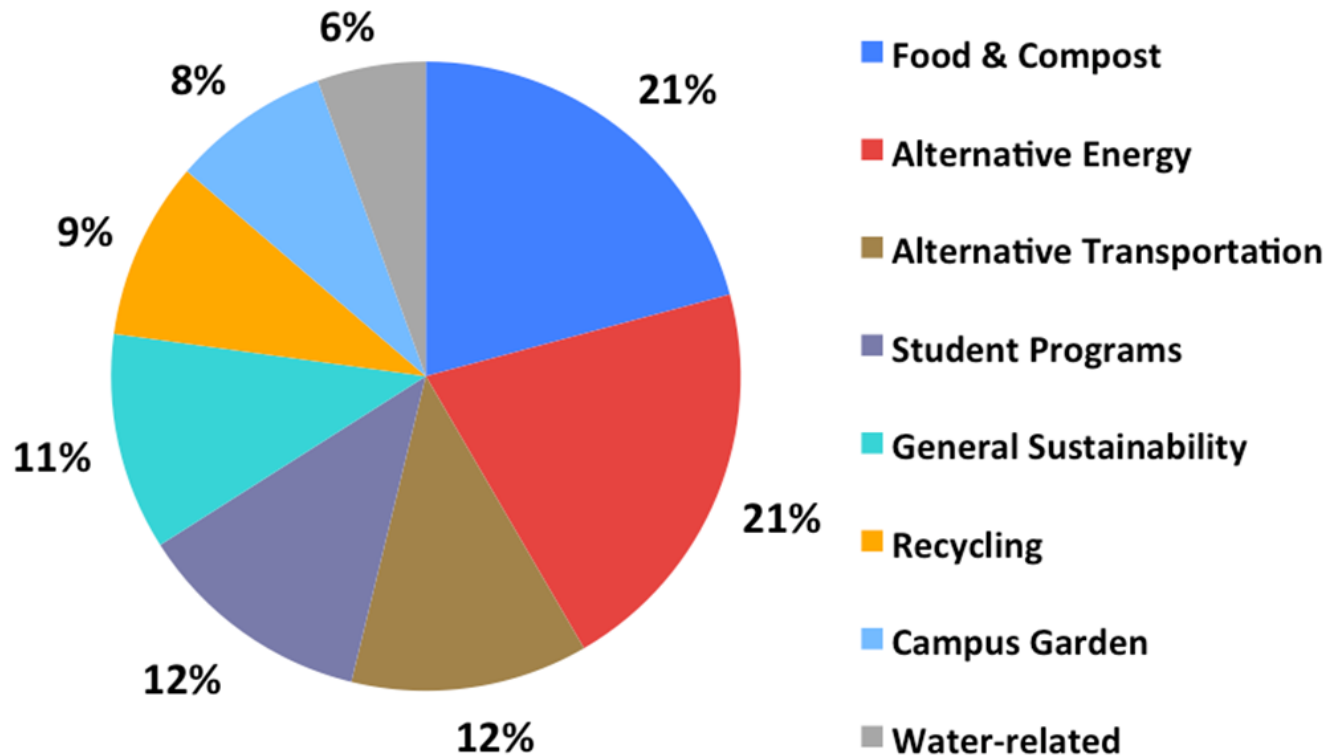
- Board of 7 students, 7 faculty/staff, 1 chairperson
- Committee to develop application process
- **All current students & employees may apply for funds**
- Board will review proposals and administer funding

## 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?





# 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



# Florida State University

## 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?