

Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) concerning the GPSA Green Projects Initiative

What is the Green Projects Initiative?

This program is designed to support program developed and led by the Graduate and Professional Students Association and graduate students from all Schools on all of ASU's campuses. It seeks to actively and immediately reduce ASU students' environmental impact in their local campus community. Sponsored projects can apply for up to \$2000 for reimbursement of green projects. The size and scope of the projects will not be factor affecting the success of a proposal. That is to say, small (e.g. department wide) projects that request small reimbursements will be considered on par with large (e.g. campus wide) projects that request large reimbursements.

Do I have to be a member of a club or student organization to be a primary sponsor on a project?

No. Any full-time graduate student can be a primary sponsor on a project. Any full-time student can be involved with a sponsored project.

How can I be involved with the Green Projects Initiatives?

You can be a primary sponsor on a project, and you should submit the sponsorship application available at www.asu.edu/gpsa. Or you can submit your name to the committee as a willing volunteer. The Green Projects Committee may then contact you directly to suggest projects in which you may be interested.

Can undergraduates sponsor programs?

Yes and No. Only Graduate Students can be primary sponsors on projects, *but* any student on an ASU campus can be a secondary sponsor, or a volunteer on a projector.

What does "sponsoring" a project entail?

If you have an idea for a easily implemented green project, you can submit the idea to the Green Project Initiatives Committee for review. To sponsor a project, you must complete, to the fullest extent possible, the online application, available at www.asu.edu/gpsa. You will act as the manager of the project, orchestrating its implementation and ordering reimbursements. If you are a secondary sponsor, you will assist the primary with implementing the project and act as a second contact between the Green Projects Initiative Committee and the project.

I've got a good idea, but can't fund or implement it—what do I do?

We welcome all ideas, but know that successful sponsored projects will be determined by their specific plans for implementation. Goethe said: "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

What does a sponsor do?

A successful project sponsor will:

- 1)complete an online project application
- 2)meet all deadlines mandated by the Green Projects Initiative pertinent to the project
- 3)serve as the project-group's contact person for communications from the GPSA/Initiative
- 4)serve as the financial manager for the project organize, or designate those who may organize, all work and duties related to the implementation of the project

What does a volunteer do?

A volunteer will donate his or her time to work with a project sponsor in the implementation of a program. Contact the Green Projects Committee directly if you are interested in volunteering with a funded Project.

What is the time-frame for the program?

Applications are accepted on a rolling admissions schedule. The committee is presently reviewing applications and awarding grants, and will continue to do so until either all monies allocated to the Project have been exhausted, or until April 15th 2010, whichever occurs first.

If your project has been accepted, all project work must be completed, and reimbursement claims made, by May 18th 2010. The Initiative will award funding to those projects which can guarantee quick, immediate results, and so the Committee requires that work be completed before the close of the Spring 2010 semester. University protocol requires that projects must be completed before reimbursement can be dispensed.

What projects can't be funded under this project?

The Green Projects specifically will not fund:

- 1) Research projects, Conference Travel, or Professional Developments (the GPSA has specific budgets for funding these activities)
- 2) Alcohol, Flowers, Gifts, Food purchased outside of University guidelines, Parking tickets or fines
- 3) Any projects not in support, in letter or spirit, projects that seek to lessen the environmental impact of students at ASU and its campuses

What is the role of the Green Project Initiatives Ad Hoc Committee?

The Green Projects Initiatives Ad Hoc Committees role is to review applications for green projects. It also acts a clearinghouse to match students interested in providing volunteer time or funds to projects with approved project. It can not serve as funding or volunteer source for any programs, in an official manner.