



Central Washington University – Student Green Fund Summary

The Central Washington University (CWU) Student Green Fund (SGF) supports student-driven sustainability projects on campus, while empowering students with hands-on project experience, increasing campus engagement, and fostering care for the planet and environment. Funded through a \$5.00 quarterly student fee (excluding summer quarter) at CWU Ellensburg campus, the SGF supports student driven projects that align with CWU's Climate Action Plan and the university's institutional strategic goals for sustainability. This initiative empowers students to implement meaningful projects while gaining hands-on experience and contributing to a more sustainable campus and community.

Key Information for Applicants

Purpose and Eligibility

- The SGF is designed to fund projects that address sustainability as it relates to environmental, social, and economic well-being on CWU's Ellensburg campus.
- Projects must be led by students, although collaboration with faculty and staff is encouraged. Proposals from non-student individuals or external organizations are not eligible.
- All proposals must include measurable outputs, a clear timeline, and support CWU's commitment to promoting and advancing sustainable practices.
- The SGF Committee is comprised of seven CWU students and is responsible for reviewing and awarding funds to successful applicants.

Project Requirements

Applicants should ensure their proposals meet the following criteria:

- Incorporates sustainability as it relates to environmental, social, and/or economic well-being for campus and students.
- Includes clearly defined and measurable outputs (e.g., number of native plants purchased).
- Includes an actionable outcome and has an immediate application (e.g., "pure" research is not an eligible SGF project).
- Include written approval from relevant university officials or departments.

- Showcase meaningful student leadership or engagement.
- Includes a timeline from proposal to completion of the project. Projects must be completed within one year from the award date.

Preferred Criteria

- Preference will be given proposals that do not require indefinite and continuous financial support from the SGF year after year.
- Project demonstrates a holistic approach to sustainability.
- Projects incorporating publicity, education, and outreach to the CWU community are highly encouraged.

Application Process

1. Initial Proposal Development

- Start developing your project idea and proposal with all necessary partners. Applicants are required to have support from departments that will be affected by the project. The Sustainability Office is available as a resource, advisor, and liaison to help refine and advance the proposal.

2. Formal Submission

- Submit a detailed proposal to the SGF Committee, including objectives, costs, timeline, and anticipated outcomes using the Microsoft Forms Application available on CWU sustainability website.
- Prepare a 5–10-minute presentation for the SGF Committee outlining your project.

3. Committee Review and Approval

- The SGF Committee reviews and votes on submitted proposals. A simple majority vote is required for approval.
- Approved projects will receive funding following approval by the committee and confirmation by the CWU Chief Financial Officer.

Resources for Applicants

The CWU Sustainability Office is the primary point of contact for all student applicants and can help assist with providing guidance on proposal development and submission and connecting students with relevant campus officials and resources. Additionally, the SGF Committee will release an annual Request for Proposals (RFP) that outlines project criteria, eligibility, and examples of successful initiatives. For more information, please review the Student Green Fund Bylaws, which is available on CWU Sustainability's website.