

Progress Report - Campus Sustainability Fund

Thank you for submitting a Progress Report for your Campus Sustainability Fund grant! We look forward to hearing about the advancements of your project.

Progress Reports are due on the 1st of every December, March, May, and August for the duration of the project.

Please be aware of the responses minimums and maximums for each question. While this form does not enforce our minimums, we strongly encourage following them. Should we feel that not sufficient information is provided, the Committee might request a new submission.

Should your project not yet have progress to report in some areas, you may type "No progress to report." However, this will be vetted by Committee Members. If you have no progress to report, that should be made evident in meetings with the Committee Member who is your direct contact.

Should your project already be completed, please note in your responses to "Next Steps" and "Progress Support" that neither questions are applicable considering your project's timeline.

Uploading photos is required for Progress Reports - if you have no photos to share because your project has not yet begun, please omit.

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Who is submitting this Progress Report?

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Project Name *

Camp Cooper Open House 2022

Project Subaccount Number *

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Project Summary Snapshot *

Please copy and paste the "Summary Snapshot" you provided in your project application. Responses are limited to 800 characters (~60-100 words).

The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning will host a University of Arizona Open House during the Spring 2022 semester. This event will be promoted across disciplines throughout the University and include students, faculty, and staff, with a goal of providing better connections between our campus community and the wonders of the Sonoran Desert.

Project Accomplishments: Quantitative *

Please describe what aspects of the project have been accomplished so far or what things have become solidified within your project plan. Have you received FM quotes? Be as descriptive and specific as possible and report the metrics we requested you to track, along with any others you'd like to include. Responses must be 500 characters at minimum and no longer than 2,000 characters, spaces included. Example: Held 4 public meetings totaling 130 attendees, installed 14 sensors at X,Y, and Z locations, hired 3 interns; Transitioned 300 square feet of dirt into usable garden space and signed on 14 community garden volunteers.

Transportation: Submitted reservation for Cat Tran shuttle service to and from event. Spoke with Mike Ace (or Wallace?) who manages Cat Tran charter services today (3/03). Expected confirmation Monday of next week. He also mentioned if for some reason they are unable to provide service, they have alternative options from 3rd party companies that they can provide.

Music: Two musical acts are in the process of confirming their involvement. The first is El Mariachi Estrella Juvenil, a children's mariachi band. Expected confirmation by Monday. The second musical act, KYKLO are confirming all three members are available. Also expected confirmation by early next week.

Food: Midtown Vegan Deli and Revolutionary Grounds has confirmed their interest with a meeting tomorrow to go over specifics. Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and Borderlands Produce Rescue are still in-process to determine their participation with more information likely in the next few days.

Guest Speaker: Joey Salvatore, a botanist and online personality has agreed to speak about the importance of outdoor education, his own inspiring story of how he found his love of botany and the ecology of the Sonoran Desert. We are currently discussing if we can arrange to compensate his travel expense. Still researching other possibilities as well, but have made the most progress with procuring Mr. Salvatore.

Exhibitors: Many of these prospects are still in the early stage of discussion though Sonoran Institute, Community Food Bank, Pima County, Sky Island Adventures, Arizona Institutes for Resilience and Green Guides (I will be attending a meeting with AIR on 03/15 to discuss further) have all confirmed interest and will likely be able to participate in some capacity.

Planning: The planning committee has weekly meetings with additional meetings to discuss specifics. Cooper Center Advisory Board Members will begin taking on various tasks related to the event as event preparations proceed.

Project Accomplishments: Qualitative *

Please describe qualitative accomplishments. Do you have a schedule of events you can share? What connections/contacts have been made? Be as descriptive and specific as possible. What has the impact on students/campus been so far? Responses must be 500 characters at minimum and no longer than 2,000 characters, spaces included. Example: Talked with Seis Catering to discuss cost and availability. Marketed the event through putting flyers in the following buildings: X, Y, Z. Project Manager has experienced substantial public speaking experience through talking at STEM Seminar.

I have generated a schedule for the event in excel and can share the sheet if needed. I have also created a bus schedule that I have also provided to Cat Tran to aid in their determination. Marketing assets are currently being generated and marketing plans are planned for next week. I can also provide a list of all contacts and organizations that have been contacted (needs to be updated at the moment).

Next Steps *

Please detail the next steps for your project, numbering each step. (ie, 1.Connect with X Department to collaborate on the event, 2. Contact the catering options to confirm pricing, 3. Interview candidates for internship). Responses must be 500 characters at minimum and no longer than 2,000 characters, spaces included.

1. Friday/Weekend/Monday - meetings and contacts to discuss and firm up several participants' involvement. 2. Tuesday - Committee meeting to review this progress (recurring). 3. Website landing page and finalize marketing materials/strategy. Outreach for more exhibitors/presenters if needed 4. Finalize and secure all ready participants/exhibitors (contracts and agreements) and deploy marketing campaign (poster/flyer, social, news/pr, email).

Challenges Faced *

Please identify and describe any obstacles/roadblocks you or your team have experienced, and detail how you've managed them/ will manage them. Should your project already be completed, please note what challenges you faced and what you would do differently. Responses must be 500 characters at minimum and no longer than 2,000 characters, spaces included.

Currently the biggest obstacle is the short lead time we have for the event. Several participants are in-process of confirming their involvement and are expected to have a much clearer snapshot by the time of the next committee meeting (or soon thereafter).

The next biggest hurdle would be the very particular logistics of the event on-site at the Cooper Center. Details such as additional seating/tables will be provided by TUSD, the neighboring COTA have already be confirmed for additional parking. We are looking into a further van rental to shuttle attendants to and from the COTA parking lot. The electrical needs of the event (coolers/ice/amplification/) etc. and how to safely and adequately provide this, temporary shade structures, green room for presenter/musicians etc. These are all being worked through, and many will likely not have an accurate answer until final details begin falling into place.

Project Support *

Can the CSF support you in addressing any roadblocks you've encountered? How else can the CSF support your project? Responses must be 500 characters at minimum and no longer than 2,000 characters, spaces included.

Networking and/or promotion of the event through CSF's extended contacts who would also be the target audience for attendees. Assistance on navigating the ins and out of working within the proposal and budget if needed (to be fair, I have had incredible help in this regard already).

Photos

Please upload or provide link (below) to relevant photos. Providing photos to your project is required.

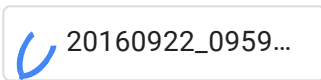
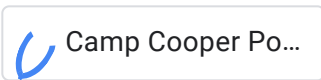


Photo Link

Please copy hyperlinks to photos here should you not be able to individually upload photos

Media/Links

Please include links to any media coverage or events information (e.g. news, social media, websites, interviews, etc.)

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