

Progress Report - Campus Sustainability Fund

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Project Name:

Water Access Amenities at the University of Arizona

Project Subaccount Number:

CSF AG 23.53

Project Summary Snapshot:

Please copy and paste the "Summary Snapshot" you provided in your project application.

This project entails the installation of an outdoor utility sink and a water bottle refill station at the University of Arizona Community Garden. The water bottle refill station will provide a source of clean drinking water at the UACG, where no potable water sources are currently available. The utility sink will be used for washing produce grown and harvested at the UACG as well as for hand sanitation. The installation of these amenities will improve the ability of the UACG to extend sustainability-focused programming to community members and students alike.

Requested Metrics:

Please report your project's metrics and their most recent number or response in a list format.

Lbs of produce cleaned and donated to Campus Pantry: n/a

of people in the core project team involved in planning and execution of the project (students, faculty/staff, etc.): 3

of people on the project team: 8

of hours put in by project staff from time of CSF awarding: 20

Personal testimonies from UACG users (students and community members) and Campus Pantry staff on how the amenities have helped garden processes: n/a Garden stakeholders survey: n/a

Project Accomplishments:

Please describe what aspects of the project have been accomplished. Be as descriptive and specific as possible. Examples of accomplishments could include: Held 4 public meetings totaling 130 attendees; Transitioned 300 square feet of dirt into usable garden space and signed on 14 community garden volunteers. Other examples of accomplishments could include sharing a confirmed schedule of events, the connections/contacts that have been established, etc.

Since receiving funding, the project managers have communicated frequently with Facilities Management, the Office of Sustainability, and ASUA in order to facilitate progress towards implementing this project. The work has been slow due to waiting for parts to arrive and for Facilities Management to have time to work on the project. At this time, though we have not received an official report or status update from FM in several weeks, we can see that the layout and footings have been worked on and concrete has been laid down for the base of the sink/drinking fountain. Ground has thus been officially broken on site, which means the project is underway and should be completed before too long.

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).

According to Facilities Management, the next steps involve carrying out plumbing line excavation and piping for the water source for the sink and drinking fountain. After that, the infrastructure will be fully installed, and we will have a sink and drinking fountain/water bottle refill station at the Garden. Then we will be able to carry on with our work plan, which includes 1. announcing the completion of our project via social media and notifying Garden stakeholders and 2. completing our qualitative and quantitative metrics.

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.

The primary challenge of this project has been communicating with Facilities Management and managing expectations as to the timeline of the project. We have had a somewhat difficult time acquiring prompt and detailed responses and updates from our FM contact, which has made it difficult for the project to progress, and for us to understand where the project is in terms of timeline to completion. Because the bulk of the project involves infrastructure that needs to be installed by FM, there has not been much for us to do besides wait for the materials to arrive and for FM to have time to work on our project.

Project Support:

Can the CSF support you in addressing any roadblocks you've encountered? How else can the CSF support your project?

CSF has been very supportive with us through this process, and understanding of the ways in which progression is out of the hands of the project managers. It seems as though we're close to the project installation actually happening, which will allow us to get the ball rolling on the latter part of the project (primarily the metrics listed above). We appreciate having CSF's support when it comes to communicating with Facilities Management, and will be happy to see ways that FM and CSF can collaborate in the future to simplify the communication process and establish a more effective working relationship between FM and students.

Photo Link:

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Media/Links:

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

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