

Progress Report - Campus Sustainability Fund

March 2023 - Water Access Amenities at the University of Arizona Community Garden

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who is submitting this project?

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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.

Response

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.

Response

Quantitative metrics:

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: 40

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.

Response

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. There has been very little progress on the project since our last progress report in December, with the site still exposed and unfinished. We have been trying to secure updates from FM and have done all we can to encourage them to prioritize completing our project, but generally their promises to continue working on site have not resulted in any new work. We continue to be in the waiting stages.

Next Steps:

Response

1. We have already reached out to FM in every capacity we are able, and the Office and SFS have reached out on our behalf as well. We've heard that FM is short staffed and this is what's causing the hold up.
2. Hopefully soon FM will resume the project and it will be completed.
3. Then, we'll be able to start tracking the metrics outlined above.

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.

Response:

As aforementioned, the issue with this project has been getting it to be prioritized by FM, and now, getting them to resume the work on it that they started several months ago. We have one contact in FM that we've been relying on, but this has not been particularly effective, with responses often taking awhile or providing insufficient information. Having to rely on someone within the Office of Sustainability to contact other people or provide more legitimacy to our project has not been ideal, particularly as the project managers have no record of these conversations and thus no way to keep track of what communication is occurring beyond ourselves.

Project Support:

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

Response:

It would be nice if we could convince FM to finish the project, AND to provide us with actual written updates of what they've done so far, what they have left to do, and what problems they've encountered. If the thing holding them up is lack of staff, though, I don't know what more can be done to facilitate this.

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