

**Sustainability Fee Project Grant Report Guidelines**  
for grants awarded during FY2019  
Due by 5pm August 1, 2019  
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*Please provide the following information in order to help the Center for Sustainability document the success of the Sustainability Fee Grant Program.*

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**Project title:** Reviving the Living Wall

**Amount granted:** \$1,524.00

**Amount spent:** \$1,081.83

### ***I. Project Outcomes/Value***

*Detail the planned and actual outcomes of the project here.*

**Project Timeline** - Is your project *completed* or still *in progress*?

If not yet completed, please explain why it is delayed and provide a projected completion date.\* (\*Note – an amended final report will be due one month after the projected completion date).

The project that stemmed from this grant has been completed. An additional grant has been submitted and approved for completion of signage associated with this project.

**Project Outcomes** -List the *proposed* project goals/objectives and *actual* outcomes of the grant. Describe any successes, challenges and observations.

The proposed project goal, broadly, was to revive the Living Wall. This was to be completed through the addition of three raised garden beds to act as an extension of the existing wall. The funds were also used to replace and replant the original wall, as well as fill the new beds with pollinators, strawberries, and herbs to increase community interaction with the project. In addition, signs were to originally be added to greater advertise this project as a sustainability fee grant, and its relationship to sustainability.

The actual outcomes of this grant were very similar to those proposed. The additional beds were added, the Living Wall was replanted, and the additional beds were planted. The only proposed objective that was not reached was the inclusion of signs. This objective will be completed through an additional grant cycle.

We were successful with the hands-on objective of this grant because of the volunteer support we had. Without the volunteers for the building and planting days, the objectives would have been much harder to achieve. Having support from an office on campus was helpful as well. The Office of Leadership and Community Engagement was very supportive and offered opportunities for increased community outreach regarding this project.

The main challenge for this project was getting the signage designed and approved. It proved so

much of a challenge that we decided to revisit this issue on a new grant cycle. We appreciate CfS patience as we continue to pursue appropriate signage for this space.

**Sustainability Improvements** – clearly state how your project has improved campus or community sustainability and explain how you assessed the improvement. If funds were used to purchase products intended to reduce energy, water use, waste, labor cost, etc., please provide information and calculations that show the expected return on investment for your grant.

This project has improved community sustainability by making the Living Wall more approachable and usable to the residents. The addition of pollinators has increased habitat for numerous pollinators, while the strawberries and herbs attract locals to enjoy an oasis of nature in an otherwise brick and mortar walkway.

Improvements were assessed by comparing the pictures of the alley from before the improvements were made to those taken after. We have also asked those working in the buildings on either side of the Living Wall how they enjoy the additions. Some employees and community members have reported that they spend more time in the walkway because of the additions made.

**Outreach** – how did you publicize your Sustainability Fee grant/project? Please attach copies of all publicity (news articles, web pages, fliers, newsletter, etc.) associated with your grant. If no publicity measures have been taken yet, what are your plans for publicity of your project?

We have yet to publicize this project because of lack of adequate signage. We don't want to invite people to the Living Wall without being able to identify the source of its funding, or its meaning. Because of this, we are waiting until proper signage can be bought and placed. Thereby, the grand opening will be organized and planned for after the competition of signage additions, which will be sometime this coming fall. We plan to host a sustainability themed grand opening for the Living Wall, which will advertise it to locals and community members.

**Budget report**- provide an explanation of how all funds were used and explain any deviation from the original budget.

Funds were used to expand the Living Wall by adding three new raised beds, planting edible perennials as well as pollinators, fruit trees, refreshing the plants in the existing bed, and purchasing supplies to keep the beds watered and maintained. The biggest deviation in the budget was our inability to add signage to the Living Wall. This was a key piece of the original budget and was expected to use a significant portion of the funding. Unfortunately, the Living Wall signage request was denied by the University Facilities Planning Committee in February, requiring us to modify our budget and our plan. However, the updated and expanded Living Wall has been well received by students and community members, and we are proud of the work we accomplished thanks to the 2018-2019 Sustainability Fee Grant. Please see below for a detailed report of expenditures.

Item	Cost per Item		Shipping	Vendor	Global	P-Card Approval Submitted Item Purchased
	Quantity	Sum				
Funnel	1	\$ 35.95	13.95	Two-Zone	Electronic	
	1	\$ 52.25	11/16/18	1/4/19		Industrial

Water Timer \$ 24.95 Amazon 1 \$ 24.95 11/16/18 11/27/18 Home

Raised Garden Beds \$ 28.97 Free  
Depot 3 \$ 86.91 11/16/18 1/4/19

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 34.98 3/8/19 3/16/19

Bed Liner \$ 44.98 Free In-Store

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 6 \$ 23.88 3/8/19 3/16/19

Home

Depot 1 \$ 26.98 11/16/18 1/4/19

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 9.98 3/8/19 3/22/19

Pots \$ 39.98 Blueberry Shrub \$ 10.98 Lemon Tree \$

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 9.98 3/8/19 3/22/19

34.98 Orange Tree \$ 34.98 Potting Soil \$ 3.98

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 36.98 3/8/19 3/22/19

Combination Lock \$ 9.98 Soaker Hose \$ 9.98 Water Hose

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 32.98 3/8/19 3/22/19

\$ 36.98 1 Gallon Paint \$ 32.98 1 Quart Paint \$ 15.48

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 15.48 3/8/19 3/22/19

Rollers \$ 4.98 Roller Heads \$ 5.98 Shutoff Valve \$ 4.98

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 4 \$ 19.92 3/8/19 3/22/19

Paint Pans \$ 1.98

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 3 \$ 17.94 3/8/19 3/22/19

Pickup Lowes 3 \$ 119.94 3/8/19 3/16/19

In-Store  
Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 4.98 3/8/19 3/22/19

In-Store

Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 10.98 3/8/19 3/16/19

In-Store

In-Store

Pickup Lowes 2 \$ 3.96 3/8/19 3/22/19

Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 34.98 3/8/19 3/16/19

Chicken Wire \$ 39.97 Delivery Lowes 1 \$ 39.97 3/8/19 3/26/19 Cement Block \$ 1.70 Delivery Lowes 30 \$ 51.00

3/8/19 3/26/19 In-Store

Plants, Various

Pickup Lowes 1 \$ 6.98 3/8/19 3/29/19

In-Store

2x4 Lumber \$ 3.93 Screws \$ 6.98 Return Various Plants

Pickup Lowes 6 \$ (24.68) 3/8/19 3/30/19

In-Store

Plants, Various

Pickup Lowes 6 \$ 24.68 3/8/19 3/30/19

Pickup Lowes 29 \$ 160.42 3/8/19 3/26/19

Paintbrushes \$ 2.98

In-Store

In-Store

Pickup Lowes 4 \$ 15.72 3/8/19 3/29/19

Pickup Lowes 3 \$ 8.94 3/8/19 3/30/19

In-Store

Potting Soil \$ 6.00 Delivery Lowes 20 \$ 120.00 3/8/19 3/26/19 Mulch \$ 2.47 Delivery Lowes 8 \$ 19.76 3/8/19 3/26/19

Delivery Fee \$ 79.00 Lowes \$ 79.00 3/8/19 3/26/19 Watering Can \$ 12.15 Delivery Amazon 1 \$ 11.99 N/A 4/5/19

**TOTAL SPENDING \$1,081.83**

## ***II. Student and Community Impact***

*Because these grant funds come directly from a \$10 Student Sustainability Fee, it is important to document how they benefit students. Please provide information on the following:*

10-15 volunteers involved in the project

30-40 volunteer hours (including weekly meetings)

50-75 students reached through classes or other means (including volunteer recruitment initiatives)

50+ community members reached (including an estimate of walk-through traffic)

### ***Grant Leverage***

*Were you able to leverage your work for additional outcomes? Indicate the following if they apply.*

Not at this time.

### ***Project abstract***

Provide a one paragraph abstract of the completed project and a photo (preferably including some of the people involved with the project at work) to be posted on the CfS web page.

Also include links to all web pages on which this work is discussed or displayed

Reviving the Living Wall is an important project to both students and community members. This initiative has rejuvenated and expanded the existing garden bed in downtown Statesboro, adding exciting new plants that encourage education and interaction with our community and surroundings. Students and community members alike can enjoy fresh strawberries, blueberries, lemons, oranges, and a variety of herbs located in the Living Wall walkway between City Campus and the FabLab. They can also learn about pollinators and the role of plant life in improving our cities. The Living Wall provides a wonderful space to bring people together for the enjoyment of nature, education, and cultivating a community that supports green spaces and environmental education. It also lays the groundwork for future community garden initiatives in this area, with students and community members being encouraged to help with planting and maintaining the beds, and encouraged to enjoy the harvest, too! We hope you'll visit soon!