

Sustainability Fee Project Grant Report Guidelines
for grants awarded during FY2015
Due by 5pm August 1, 2015
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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.

Date: July 27, 2015
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Project title: Portable Sustainability Exhibit
Amount granted: \$7,450.00
Amount spent: \$ 102.02

Project Outcomes/Value

*As planned, the project developed an interactive traveling exhibit, **Sustainable Solutions: Technology and Lifestyle Choices for a Greener World**. The exhibit has been used in several venues so far, tested and adapted and a marketing brochure developed to be sent out to schools around SE Georgia this Fall for booking. The exhibit consists of 5 large pop-up banners, 19 Interactive quiz circles, and 4 hands-on Interactive exhibits.*

Project Timeline –

The project is complete and has been on display at the Georgia Southern University Museum since Spring. Beginning this Fall, the Museum will begin marketing the exhibit to area schools and organizations.

Project Outcomes –

The exhibit was developed to be a fun and interactive way of introduce general audiences to sustainability, in general, and projects at Georgia Southern University specifically. It has traveled to several school events already and has been on display at the Georgia Southern University Museum since April. Response from the public has been very positive so far and we continue to learn how people like to use the exhibit.

The exhibit was developed to be easily set-up and adaptable to a variety of locations. We are very pleased with the products portability. It easily packs up into two plastic containers, a shoulder bag, and 5 banner carrying cases.

The exhibit was to be developed, as much as possible, to made of sustainable materials. We have been very happy with the printing and products of Greenerprinters, Inc.

The exhibit was developed to appeal especially to elementary school science and math nights. We have had the exhibit in 4 schools as a test. It was very positively reviewed by each who have requested that it return in the future. We will see the school systems' definitive review/interest in the exhibit beginning this Fall and next Spring semesters once the marketing brochure has been distributed.

Sustainability Improvements –

The exhibit was designed to provide information and create interest in sustainability in general and at Georgia Southern University in particular. This will be a long-term process, but the exhibit has been viewed by thousands of visitors at the Museum already and once in the schools and at other special events, should prove an effective educational tool.

Outreach –

The marketing brochure for the exhibit has just been completed and will be sent out to schools throughout southeast Georgia and available in the Museum and through the Center for Sustainability.

Budget report-

The original budget was \$7455. \$7,347.98 was actually spent. The budget followed the original budget as planned with only slight variations in each category of less than 10%.

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:

In the development stage, 4 student volunteers have been involved in the project, by presenting at school math and science nights including total 36 volunteer hours

Since the exhibit has been displayed in the Museum since April approximately 800 Georgia Southern University students have interacted with the exhibit as well as approximately 2,300 community members.

Grant Leverage

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

Indications so far have been that schools will be interested and willing to pay a small fee for the exhibit, which will defray travel and maintenance costs on the exhibit in the future.

Project abstract

Sustainable Solutions: Technology and Lifestyle Choices for a Greener World is an interactive traveling exhibit available to school and community groups for special events such as science and STEM nights and family learning events. The exhibit travels with student presenters who are responsible for putting up and taking down the exhibit and working with the students/visitors. *Sustainable Solutions* highlights technologies and personal choices we can use to live more sustainably. The exhibit focuses on 4 topics: Waste & Recycling, Water, Food, and Energy; and spotlights successful ongoing projects at Georgia Southern University.