Sustainability Funding Opportunities

The University of Calgary Students’ Union has multiple funding streams that you can leverage to help secure financial support for new sustainability initiatives. Use the links below to learn more about the application process for each stream.

Students’ Union Sustainability Fund

What is the Sustainability Fund? The SU Sustainability Fund provides capital to support student-led sustainability initiatives at the University of Calgary. Applications can be submitted by students, faculty or staff, but all projects must have support from the general student population and the appropriate university unit. Typical funds granted range from $2000-$10000.

When are applications due? Applications for the Sustainability Fund are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in mid-September. The final deadline is in mid-February. See the SU Sustainability Fund website for more details.

Which projects are eligible? To be eligible for Sustainability Fund support, projects must:

- Encourage student involvement in sustainable practices and initiatives at UCalgary
- Provide financial support for dynamic, innovative student-led sustainability projects
- Generate information and ideas to accelerate sustainable practices at the UCalgary

Strong applications will use statistics, survey data, direct feedback and/or letters of support to demonstrate clear support from students and from the appropriate UCalgary department(s) or business unit(s).

Past projects: In recent years, the SU Sustainability Fund has supported the following projects, among others:

- Food Waste Awareness Week (2018-19)
- SU Campus Food Bank (2018-19)
- Community Garden Solar Project (2017-18)
- Undergraduate Residence Hall Composting Pilot (2017-18)
- The Bike Share (2016-17)
Quality Money:

**What is Quality Money?** Quality Money is a large-scale funding stream administered by the SU. It provides capital to support new initiatives on campus that will improve the quality of student life both in and outside the classroom. Sustainability is an important part of one of its three funding pillars, “Affordability and Accessibility.” Each year, the SU is provided with approximately $1.5 million from the University of Calgary Board of Governors to distribute; typical funds granted range from $2,000-$400,000 per project.

**When are applications due?** Applications for Quality Money are due in November. See the SU Quality Money website for more details. You may also wish to consult the SU’s Tip Sheet to help your team put together the strongest application possible.

**Which projects are eligible?** To be eligible for Quality Money support, the project or initiative must contribute to one of the SU’s three Quality Money Funding Pillars:

- **Quality of Education.** The project must directly enhance UCalgary students’ academic experience.
- **Quality of Student Life:** The project must enhance students’ wellbeing, provide extracurricular or co-curricular opportunities, develop innovative environments or experiences, and/or build a sense of community, culture and pride on campus.
- **Affordability and Accessibility:** The project must create inclusive social and/or physical environments on campus.

**Past projects:** In recent years, Quality Money has supported the following projects, among others:

- Gender-neutral and barrier-free change rooms in Kinesiology (2018-19)
- The Patio Project, an outdoor study space for students, staff and faculty (2018-19)
- The Greener Events project expanded MacEwan Conference and Events’ inventory of stainless steel event tables that can be used without table linens, allowing MCEC to reduce their plastic waste and their water and energy use (2017-18)
- Community Garden Development (2015-16)