

## **Memo**

Addendum to the Sustainable Action Fund Budget for FY18

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The FY18 SAF budget presented to the SAF Committee foregoes any limitation to the total dollar amount that may be approved for small grants by the Campus Sustainability Manager and the SAF Grant Program Coordinator. While previous budgets contained a \$40,000 limit for such activity, this was deemed unnecessary in the current budget for the following reasons:

- Small grants are already often offered to the AS VP for Student Life and/or the SAF Committee for review.
- Small grants are vetted by the SAF Education Coordinator and/or the SAF Project Coordinator prior to determination by the Campus Sustainability Manager and SAF Grant Program Coordinator, ensuring student perspective is considered for such applications.
- All approved small grants are presented to the SAF Committee, allowing opportunity to discuss and review such activity.
- A restriction on small grant activity will inhibit student access to the funds, undermining the purpose and efficacy of the program.

Placing a limit on the small grant approval agency of the Campus Sustainability Manager and the SAF Grant Program Coordinator will potentially result in the SAF Committee seeing more applications, slowing down its work, and constraining the SAF program's responsiveness to students. The SAF Program is most effective when all parties act in the spirit of collaboration and trust to ensure maximum access to the student funds. Unless the SAF committee chooses to impose a restriction on the amount available for small grant application approval, a limit will be absent from the SAF budget.