New Grant Program Tiers

A proposal to improve student experience and program functionality

Current System

Grant	Amount	Approval	Restriction	Annual limit
Small	$5,000 or less.	Office of Sustainability.	None.	None, but previously $40,000.
Large	$5,001 or more.	Committee approves conceptual and final application, with two presentations.	None.	None, but previously promoted as $300,000 per project.

Proposed System

Tier	Amount	Approval	Restriction	Annual limit
Club	$500 or less	Office of Sustainability approves.	One per club.	$5,000 (or *ten grants*)
Small	$5,000 or less	Office of Sustainability approves.	Maximum one stakeholder.	$25,000
Medium	$5,001-$30,000	Committee approves, with one project presentation.	Maximum two stakeholders.	$70,000
Large	$30,001-$100,000	Committee approves conceptual and final application, with one project presentation at final application stage.	None.	$120,000
				$220,000

Grant Timeline

Tier	Fall	Winter	Spring
Club Grants	Available until limit.	Available until limit.	Available until limit.
Small Grants	Available until limit.	Available until limit.	Available until limit.
Medium Grants	Available until limit.	Only reviewed in January.	Available until limit.
Large Grants	Conceptual applications accepted until Nov. 21, then reviewed by Committee. Approved teams notified before close of quarter.	Final application presentations of accepted teams in February (order chosen at random). Funded team(s) notified before close of quarter.	Funded team(s) complete project, report back to Committee in following Fall Quarter.

Activity Schedule

Agent	Fall	Winter	Spring
SAF Team	• Class raps. • Club raps. • Idea Labs. • Develop large grant project teams.	• Class raps. • Idea Labs. • Work with accepted large grant project teams.	• SAF Showcase. • Execute large grant projects.
Committee	• Onboard. (Oct.) • Review medium grants. (Oct/Nov.) • Review and select large grant concepts to move to final stage. (Dec.)	• Review medium grants. (Jan.) • Review and determine large grant recipients. (Feb/Mar.)	• Review medium grants.
Office of Sustainability	• Review club and small grants.	• Review club and small grants.	• Review club and small grants.

Notes

[m] Club grants have a single page application, and must be submitted by an AS club to fund a sustainable activity; fund limit makes this tier first-come, first-served.

«· Small grants have a maximum of one stakeholder; additional stakeholders will move a project to the medium grant tier.

«· Medium grants have a maximum of two stakeholders; additional complexity will require a conceptual and final application, but not move the project into the large grant tier. Less than two stakeholders may still warrant a complexity review, if determined appropriate by project manager.

«· In this system, large grants become time-restricted, financially-constrained, and competitive. Committee will choose two to five applicants to move to final stage, based on perceived value of project. The number of projects funded is limited by the mission appropriateness, concept completeness, total impact of the proposed project, and the funding limitation set for the grant tier. Each large grant final application will require a twenty-to-thirty minute presentation; the Committee will see one presentation per meeting in the winter quarter.

«· In spring quarter, all remaining budget becomes available to small and medium grants.

«· Annual tier-limits are guidelines, and will be determined each fiscal year by Program Budget Authority and Committee.