

DASG Environmental Sustainability Committee 2022-2023

APPLICATION FOR



Thank you for your interest in applying for an EcoFund project!

This application is accepted throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Application can be submitted either by hard copy to the Office of College Life during opening hours, or by email to the DASG Environmental Sustainability Chair at the email listed below. It must be filled out completely (all pages), or your project funding request may not be considered. Attach additional sheets if necessary. If you have any questions please contact DASG Environmental Sustainability Committee Chair, Zain Mustafa at dasges@fhda.edu

-- Important Information --

EcoFund Review Process

All applications will be reviewed by ES every quarter (except summer session) on:

Week 7 in the ES Meeting

Voting & Approval of EcoFund Proposals by ES on:

Week 7 in the ES Meeting

Approved Proposed Projects Reviewed by Finance Committee on:

Monday of Week 9 in the Finance Meeting 4:00 p.m. in the Student Chambers

If approved, Projects go to the General Senate Meeting on:

Wednesday of Week 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Chamber for review and first vote.

If approved by Senate, DASG-- final vote on proposed EcoFund projects will be voted in the special senate meeting with financial allocations to follow briefly after.

Below you will find the requirements for EcoFund project proposals. These are directly from the ECOFUND CODE (FULL Code can be found online at

<https://www.deanza.edu/dasg/documents/governing-documents/DASG-EcoFund-Code.pdf>).

Article V: Project Selection

Section 1: General Requirements for Funded Projects

All projects to be considered for EcoFund funding must meet the following criteria:

- A. Projects shall reduce De Anza College's negative impact on the environment.
- B. Projects shall have publicity, education and outreach components.
- C. Projects shall have received all necessary written approval by appropriate campus officials prior to consideration.
- D. Projects shall be financially sustainable. Meaning that projects should be able to sustain themselves after the initial funding award.
- E. Projects shall be accessible to all De Anza College students.
- F. Projects involving an event must have an audience with a student majority.
- G. Only De Anza College students, faculty, staff, and organizations are able to submit project proposals.
- H. The EcoFund will not fund projects already mandated by law or De Anza College policy.
- I. All projects shall have a mechanism for evaluation and follow-up after funding has been dispersed. All funded projects must submit the required project updates and final reports.
- J. Student participation shall be highly encouraged in all projects.
- K. Projects shall not request funds for faculty or staff compensation or payroll.

Section 2: Preference for Proposed Projects

The DASG Environmental Sustainability Committee shall give preference and priority to projects proposals that also meet the following criteria. However, meeting these criteria is not required for projects to be considered for EcoFund funding.

- A. Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate the greatest reduction in De Anza College's negative environmental impact for the least cost.
- B. Preference will be given to projects that will complement existing sustainability programs and projects in place on campus.
- C. Preference will be given to projects that are highly visible, impact daily student life, and/or reach a wide demographic within the De Anza College community.
- D. Preference will be given to projects led by De Anza College students or that involve students in their implementation.
- E. Strong preference will be given to projects that will have a lasting impact on De Anza College campus beyond their completion.

Article VI: Other Rules Governing the EcoFund

- A. Funds allocated to a project that are not spent within the project timeframe and within the same fiscal year shall be returned to the EcoFund account for reallocation.
- B. EcoFund funds are not to be used or reallocated for purposes other than those described in this document.
- C. EcoFund funds shall not be used for any purposes that violate De Anza policies and procedures.
- D. All intellectual property generated through the use of the EcoFund funds shall become the property of De Anza College.
- E. All materials and equipment purchased with EcoFund funds shall become the property of De Anza College and must be provided to the College upon completion of the grant.

EcoFund Project Proposal 2022-2023

General Information Project Name:

Planting Native Wildflowers on De Anza Campus

Total Amount Requested:

Up to \$1000

(ALL Teams MUST also submit NEW BUDGET REQUEST FORM found online at <https://www.deanza.edu/dasb/documents/forms/Finance-Comm-Agenda-Fund-41.pdf> or at the flyer stand outside the DASG Senate office.)

Select the topic area(s) that best describe the project:

Energy & Water Efficiency Waste Reduction Sustainable Transportations
Recycling Environmentally Sustainable Purchasing Food Justice

Other Sustainable Project

Project Team Information

Staff Advisor

(If you are unable to find a Staff Advisor, please contact the ES Committee right away)

Name: Diana Martinez

Email: martinezdiana@fhda.edu

Phone Number: 408-864-5446 and cell phone 408-386-3443

Project Team Lead:

Name: Adrian Sedgwick

Email: sedgwickadrian@fhda.edu

Phone Number: 208-217-3997

Project Team (feel free to add more rows if necessary)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Email</u> | <u>Phone Number</u> |
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| Adrian Sedgwick | sedgwickadrian@fhda.edu | 208-217-3997 |
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Project Specifications:

Please keep your responses to no more than approximately 300 words. Feel free to attach additional pages as needed.

Project Description

Please provide a brief description of the project, the goals, and the desired outcome.

_____ This project would be simple; I just want to plant native wildflower seeds on places where there is bare soil on the De Anza College campus. My goals are to plant a variety of native flowers like lupine, California poppies, and milkweed. The desired outcome would be for those places with bare soil to be transformed into beautiful areas of wildflowers.

Please explain how the project will improve the sustainability of the De Anza College Campus.

_____ This project will improve the sustainability of the De Anza College Campus by creating habitat for native pollinators, which are threatened due to widespread habitat loss because of urbanization. The native flowers would provide vital nutritional resources and habitat for vulnerable species that support the rest of the ecosystem.

Where will the project be located? Will special permission be required to enact the project on this site? If so, please explain and attach any written approval by appropriate campus officials at the end of the application. ***(If the project requires installing any additional items to any part of the current facilities at De Anza, please complete the Campus Facilities Recommendation section at the end of the application.)*** _____

Outside of the Vida office, outside of the Administration building/forum/L quad/Hinson campus center, by the trees in the main quad, outside of the Hinson campus center/reg student services building, where the library intersects with the S quad, any other possible places where the soil is bare and is approved for planting.

Other than the project team, who will be involved in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments affiliated directly or indirectly by the project. Please attach letters of commitment or support at the end of the application. *(For example, if your project team is working with a club or class, please include their role in your project)*

_____VIDA SEED interns are helping work on the project.

Please indicate how this project will involve, impact or empower De Anza College students. What role will students play in the project?

_____This project will impact and empower De Anza College students by exposing them to native California flora and therefore educating them about the ecology of the state. Furthermore, we hope that this project will encourage students to come to campus more.

Have you applied for EcoFund before? If so, for what project?

_____no_____

Scope & Schedule

What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date(s), target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones in the table below. Please be as detailed as possible. Insert additional rows if necessary.

| <u>Task</u> | <u>Timeframe (# of weeks)</u> | <u>Estimated Completion Date</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Order seeds | 1 week + shipping time | 6/15/23 |
| Plant seeds | 1 week | Upon arrival of the seeds, possibly some planted in the next school year for maximum growing effect |
| Water seeds for a few weeks until the plants sprout | 2-3 weeks | After the seeds have been planted |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF ADVISOR:

DASG believes that successful projects are created with the collaboration between students and mentors. As the advisor of this project, you are agreeing to mentor and guide this project. Please submit a written statement (1 page) describing your support of this project, and how you intend to support the project team.

Diana Martinez has agreed to serve as mentor on this Native Wildseed project. I have gardening equipment and tools so this project's funds can be solely used for purchasing seeds. I also have knowledge of pollination plants, host and nectar plants for butterflies and I can also advise on water conservation plants (once established). I will guide this team of students to focus on perennial plants species and not annuals and I can assist in soil testing and amending of soils where needed.

CAMPUS FACILITIES RECOMMENDATION

This space is for the Campus Facilities Director to voice concerns regarding the project and suggest changes in order for the project to continue.

___ 06/7/2023 met with Operations Manager Jorge Rodriguez to do a site walk. Approval to move forward having been assured that Risk Management has completed the liability waiver; the CSEA union has approved the project; students will provide own tools; students will prep areas and plant seeds; students will maintain & water wildflowers; watering systems may be available in some areas but possibly not fully functional or in working order. Students will contact Manager/ assistant (Pippa Gibson) when project proceeds. Operations Manager Jorge Rodriguez rodriguezjorge2@fhda.edu. Pippa Gibson gibsonpippa@fhda.edu. Good Luck!

FINAL NOTE TO APPLICANTS: Thank you for applying to the EcoFund! We look forward to reading your project proposal. If you have any questions or run into any problems-- feel free to contact us at dasges@fhda.edu or come to our ES Committee Meetings on Thursday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the DASG Lounge, located in the Lower Level of the Campus Center.

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of VIDA SEED and our interns, we believe that the ECOFUND project to plant Native Wildflowers on campus would be conducive to an environment that promotes academic excellence. By creating a more sustainable and aesthetically pleasing environment, students will be more motivated to come to campus. This creates a knock-on effect that encourages students to participate in activities that foster a sense of community and environmental sustainability. We fully endorse this project and hope you join us in our vision to make De Anza more sustainable.

In Community,

VIDA SEED