

Concept Proposal SAMPLE

Name: XXXXXXX, Program, Year

a. What is the proposed project? What is the primary goal of the proposed project?

Our proposed project is to implement a composting program at the Law School

The primary goal of our proposed project is to reduce the environmental impact of Law School student organization. Every year, various law school student organizations organize hundreds of panel discussions, speakers, meetings and other events that serve food. By implementing an efficient, easy-to-use composting system, we will be able to capture that waste and prevent it from going to landfills, and hopefully prepare for a transition to a University-wide composting system.

b. How will the project impact campus sustainability?

This project will impact campus sustainability in three ways: First, it would significantly reduce our negative impact on the environment and support a local, family-owned farm in the process. Second, it would be a highly visible environmental initiative that would both educate students about sustainable waste-management and attract admitted students. Finally, it is opportunity to show our community that environmental programs can be both green, cost efficient and incredibly helpful.

c. How do you plan on accomplishing the project?

This grant would greatly expand and improve the Environmental Law Society's existing composting trial program. Compostable materials will be made available to the board members of student organizations. Before an event, a student leader will take the amount of cups, plates and flatware that it needs, along with a compostable green garbage bag. After capturing the compostable waste from that event, the student leader will return unused materials, and dispose of the compostable garbage at a designated location.

ELS will take on the responsibility of educating students about the composting process and making sure appropriate instructions are available in classrooms and at events. The compostable waste will be stored in a larger bin on the law school's loading dock. The grant will then enable ELS to hire a hauler who will both monitor the compostable waste for quality and contamination and haul the waste to Tuttle Farms, a family owned composting site in South Lyon Michigan. Finally, although this program will start with student group event, there is a huge potential for grown to events held by the administration, special law school events (like the Student Funded Fellowship auction), and faculty dining services.

d. Who are the primary people/groups (staff, faculty and students) that will need to be involved in order for your project to succeed?

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e. What is the projected budget range of the project?

1 year contract with hauler – \$3,000
1 year worth of compostable materials - \$3,000
Other materials (signs, educational event, cost of bins, bin for loading dock) - \$2,000