

## **What Makes a SCIF Project?**

### **Important questions to ask yourself**

1. What was your motivation/what gave you the idea for this project?
2. How will this project be maintained/continue beyond SCIF?

### **SCIF MISSION STATEMENT**

The Sustainable Campus Initiative Fund (SCIF) provides funding for projects that reduce the University of Utah's negative impact on the environment and make the University of Utah more sustainable. SCIF will allocate funds to projects that increase the amount of renewable energy used or produced on campus, increase energy efficiency, reduce water use, reduce waste (solid, hazardous, liquid, gaseous), increase operations efficiency, build sustainable campus communities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (see Criteria & Eligibility Requirements section) created by the University of Utah. Portions of the fund will support education initiatives, student aid, and internships. SCIF is supported by student fees and administered through an allocations committee. By providing a strong focus on sustainability issues and coupling economic prosperity, community building, and environmental impact reductions the University of Utah will become highly recognized national leader in sustainability initiatives in higher education.

### **All projects to be considered for SCIF funding must meet the following criteria:**

- Projects must directly address environmental sustainability on University of Utah's campus, or in the capacity that on-campus activities influence sustainability off campus. All proposed projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome.
- Student projects must be sponsored by a faculty person or department.
- Project proposals may be submitted by University of Utah students, staff, and faculty. Individuals and organizations outside of University of Utah may not submit proposals.
- Projects shall have received all necessary written approval by appropriate University Officials/Departments prior to consideration.
- SCIF funding will not support projects already mandated by law or University of Utah policy directive (e.g., standards for new building construction), since University of Utah is already obliged to allocate funds for such projects. SCIF will fund projects which go above and beyond minimum requirements and which that are unable to gain funding from other sources.
- All projects shall have a mechanism for evaluation and follow-up after funding has been dispersed. At minimum, a project plan must include a report made to the Allocations Committee after successful (or unsuccessful) implementation. If a project is expected to have on-going benefits such as annual cost savings, the project plan must include a mechanism for tracking, recording, and reporting these benefits back to the Allocations Committee. The responsible project management department shall submit a one page evaluation of the project one year after implementation. SCIF Grant Coordinator may

request additional reports if necessary after that year.

- The SCIF Grant Coordinator may request additional information to follow-up documentation on projects any time after payback period, or grant project has ended.
- Projects must have publicity, education, and outreach considerations.
- Projects are encouraged to have student involvement.

**The Allocations Committee shall give preference and priority to project proposals that also meet the following criteria in this section. However, meeting these criteria is not required for projects to be considered for SCIF funding.**

- Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate the greatest reduction in University of Utah's negative environmental impacts for the least cost.
- Preference will be given to projects with a strong student-participation component
- Preference will be given to projects that can obtain matching funds from sources other than SCIF (i.e. utility rebates, grants, administration and/or plant operation, dining services, departments, or other community support).
- Preference will be given to projects impacting University of Utah's sustainability "closer to home." For example, priority will be given to projects that directly address sustainability on campus over projects which address the Salt Lake City Area-wide environmental impacts of University of Utah's campus operations.

**Additional Project Criteria at discretion of Committee.**

The Allocations Committee may determine additional requirements or preferences for each year's funding cycle, provided that these additional criteria are:

- Consistent with the overall mission of SCIF.
- Consistent with the requirements and preferences outlined in these Bylaws.