

Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Fall 2017

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IRA Funds Request for Growing Awareness: Continuing Development

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Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Summary

Project Sponsor	Dan Maher
Activity Title	Growing Awareness: Continuing Development
Activity/Event Date	Fall Semester, 2017
Date Funding Needed By	September 3, 2017
Previously Funded?	Yes
Semester/Year	Spring, 2017
Proposal #	826
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?	No
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity	—
Additional Report #1	—
Additional Report #2	—
Additional Report #3	—
Additional Proposers	—
Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)	ESRM 100
Estimated total Course Fee revenue	0
Amount Requested from IRA	\$1400
Estimated Number of Students Participating	175
Conditions and Considerations	—
Brief Activity Description	This project builds on a successful feasibility study that established that the CSUCI student community has both the desire and assets required to maintain a student planned and operated community garden at the site of the existing Therapy Garden on campus. With initial course curricula developed, local expert commitment to ongoing active assistance solidified via MOUs, a planned plenary event based on related sustainability initiatives and issues to be held April 20th, 2017, and increasing general awareness of and appreciation for the potential benefits of re-habilitating and maintaining the Therapy Garden for teaching and research purposes, additional funds are here requested to cover costs relating to existing facility repairs and maintenance, including minor greenhouse refurbishment, bench and picnic table repair, interpretive signage, tool shed relocation, raised growing bed construction, debris disposal, mulch delivery from campus based resource stock pile, and consolidation of related assets from other locations on campus to the Therapy Garden location. Students in ESRM 100 as well as any other individual students, student members of student clubs (e.g., Surfrider campus chapter, CSUCI Generation Green club, CSUCI Student Sustainability Club, etc.), faculty and staff, interested in participating will continue to their volunteer time toward the overall garden re-development goals while in some cases participating in onsite and classroom relating trainings offered. Interpretive and general signage will be created to make visiting the garden more salient, educational and interactive for guests. And the general aesthetic and functional values of existing indigenous plants will be enhanced to increase intellectual accessibility with increased volunteer time spent on the study and display of same.
Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings	Utilizing the garden for teaching and research provides immediate hands-on curricula related experience that is designed to enrich student and others understanding of soil science, related microbiology, organic horticultural practices, permaculture techniques, natural pest control, biological energy flows, fertilization, pollination, community garden planning and administration, food security, and more. Community gardens have also proven time and again to increase community cohesion and individual sense of belonging to and meaning of place. As such, time spent in the garden with others of a variety of ages, knowledge, skills, cultural backgrounds and approaching to shared goals and challenges is highly relevant to practically all course work in natural and social sciences, and perhaps especially to the interdisciplinary mission focus of ESRM.
Description of Assessment Process	Students in ESRM 100 are directly evaluated on their contribution to the Growing Awareness project when it is selected as one of several service learning opportunities offered through the program as it then constitutes part of the core requirements for receiving a passing grade in the course. In addition to said credit in the course for service hours, participation in the continued development of garden assets, such as interpretive signage and research grow plots, may form the basis of some of the student's term research papers, as could their contributions to the Therapy Garden website where, among others resources, a thorough history of the garden since the 1930s is under construction and expected to need continual updating. Formal evaluation also occurs in the form of comprehensive tests of student understanding of subject specific teaching modules designed to increase knowledge of fundamental concepts, basic horticultural skills, principles of small group organization and related project administration.
Activity Budget	TGFall2017budget.pdf
CIA Budget	—
CIA Proposal	—
Course Syllabus	—
CIA Certification	—

Other Sources of Funding	Course fees for attendance of ESRM 100 (~175 students), with an estimated 20 directly participating in this course service learning option.
Target Audience/Student Marketing	All CSUCI students, faculty and staff interested in participating in ongoing community garden activities in the Therapy Garden. Invitation to participate will be posted to project website and marketing through available free services for email blasts, back links and event postings.
Bring Benefit to Campus	—
Sustainability	This project is directly related to promoting sustainable living and organizational practices on the CSUCI campus as it provides all in the CSUCI community and surrounding area access to hands-on learning relating to growing organic food, fiber and medicinal plants while making best use of available natural water supplies via water harvesting practices in an existing area of the campus developed for such purposes, but currently underutilized.
Program Chair/Director	donald.rodriguez
Dean	james.meriwether
Acknowledgement	I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

Program Chair/Director Review

Recommendation	I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
Name	Donald Rodriguez
Date/Time	2/19/2017 7:14:10 PM
Validation	myCI-signin-GZ-7213
Comments	There currently are no course fees associated with ESRM 100 and there are no plans to include course fees in the future for this class.

Dean Review

Recommendation	I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
Name	James Meriwether
Date/Time	2/20/2017 5:45:13 AM
Validation	myCI-signin-FK-0130
Comments	—

IRA Committee Decision

Decision	—
Comments	—

Current Tasks

Task	Time Assigned	Assigned To
IRA Committee Decision	2/20/2017 5:45:13 AM	David Daniels

Completed Tasks

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Review from james.meriwether, Dean	2/19/2017 7:14:10 PM	2/20/2017 5:45:13 AM	James Meriwether
Review from donald.rodriguez, Program Chair/Director	2/19/2017 1:51:08 PM	2/19/2017 7:14:10 PM	Donald Rodriguez
Edit Request	2/19/2017 1:51:08 PM	2/19/2017 1:53:04 PM	Dan Maher
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