

**2012-2013 GREEN RFP PROGRAM
STUDENT ORGANIZATION SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL**

Part I- General Information:	
Name of Student Organization	Environmental Coalition
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Part II- Project Cost Information		
Estimated Cost of this Proposal	\$690.20	See III.C. below
Estimated Savings -	\$0.00	See III.D. below
Net Cost of this Proposal =	\$690.20	

Part III- Supporting Information

A. Please describe your sustainability initiative and attach supporting documentation.

This sustainability initiative is aimed at expanding on-campus recycling of alkaline batteries and ink cartridges. The goal is to purchase 56 small recycling bins from the same company that Virginia Tech used to purchase the "in-room" recycling bins. This will allow for 2 recycling bins (one for the students' ink cartridges, and one for the students' alkaline batteries) in each of the following residence halls on the Virginia Tech campus: Ambler Johnston (East), Ambler Johnston (West), Barringer, Brodie, Campbell (East), Campbell (Main), Cochrane, Eggleston (Main), Eggleston (West), Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown, Harper, Hillcrest, Johnson, Lee, Miles, Monteith, Newman, New Hall West, New Residence Hall East, Oak Lane Community, O'Shaughnessy, Payne, Peddrew-Yates, Pritchard, Rasche, Slusher Tower, Slusher Wing, Thomas, and Vawter. The collection of the batteries and ink cartridges will be organized by collaborating with Virginia Tech Recycling (VTR) to properly recycle the ink cartridges through Konica Minolta (a manufacturer who currently helps to recycle ink cartridges at no cost to the university) and alkaline batteries through Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority.

B. How does this initiative help to achieve the goals of the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment Resolution and Sustainability Plan?

Since the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment Resolution and Sustainability Plan was established on campus, recycling waste has jumped to 37.5%. The plan calls for a 50% recycling rate by 2025. By establishing an easy way for students on campus to recycle alkaline batteries and ink cartridges, this proposal can directly contribute to increasing the recycling rate as well as diversifying the current recycling program.

C. What is the cost of your proposal? Please describe in adequate detail the basis for your cost estimate.

The recycling bins will be purchased from Busch Systems recycling (<http://www.recyclingcontainer.com/>). 28 battery recycling bins will be purchased at a cost of \$14.95 each, coming to \$418.60. In addition 28 ink cartridge recycling bins will be purchased at a cost of \$5.95 each, coming to \$166.60. The subtotal would come to \$585.20, and in addition a shipping cost of \$105.00 would bring the total to \$690.20.

D. Will your proposal produce cost savings for the University? If so, how much? Please describe in adequate detail the basis for your savings estimate.

No.

E. Is this funding request an Ongoing or One-Time change (please check one)?

One-time
 Ongoing

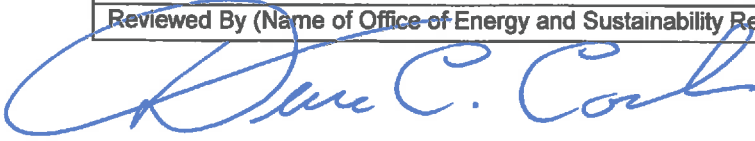
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F. Is funding available for this request from another source? If yes, describe the funding (source, amount, etc.)
No.

Part IV- Requestors/Reviewers

Prepared By (Name of Contact for Student Organization)	(Date)
Sarah Winkowski	10/1/12

Reviewed By (Name of Office of Energy and Sustainability Representative)	(Date)
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