

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES BY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING PROPOSAL

Part I - General Information

Name of Student Organization	Energy Intern Team OofS 2017-18
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Part II - Project Cost Information

Estimate Cost of this Proposal	\$6,150	See Part III.C
Estimated Savings –	TBD	See Part III.D
Net Cost of this Proposal	\$6,150	

Part III - Supporting Information

A. Please describe your sustainability initiative and attach supporting documentation.
 The goal of this RFP is to expand the existing reusable Ozzi container initiative in campus dining halls. We are proposing the implementation of 1,500 new single entree containers in West End, Turner, Owens, and Hokie Grill dining halls. The single entree containers were introduced to dining services last year in a test run of 500 units. Because they are similar in size to the divided containers, no additional procedures are required by dining services for the return and cleaning processes. The reusable containers reduce waste that would have otherwise been produced by single use containers, in turn saving Virginia Tech money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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

Policy Point #8 – “Minimize waste and achieve a 50% recycle rate by 2020”
 This RFP addresses this goal by helping to reduce the university’s carbon footprint and help reduce waste from landfills.

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

Single entrée OZZI containers cost \$205 per case (including shipping). One case holds 50 OZZI containers. VT Dining has requested that we get 1,500 containers so it would come to a total cost of \$6,150.

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.

Our request would reduce landfill waste, reduce dependency on fossil fuels by limiting deliveries of disposable containers, save money on waste hauling, and affect our carbon footprint by saving trees and reducing emissions.

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

One-time **Ongoing**

F. Is funding available for this request from another source? If yes, describe the funding (source, amount, etc.)

VT Dining may be able to cover some of the cost.

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Part IV- Requestors/Reviewers

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