

UIS Green Project Letter of Intent- Step 1

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Click the hyperlink titled, **“Submit your completed UIS Green Project LOI”**
This can be found under **Step 1** of the “Submit a Green Project Proposal” section.

You will be redirected to an external WebQ. Upload your completed application by the deadline which can be found in the **“Timeline”** section of the Green Projects website.

If you have any questions regarding the application or submission process, please contact us at greenprojects@uis.edu.

Project Name: Water Fountain Filling Station

Contact Information:

Project Team

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Project Information:

Please provide a brief description of the project. What are the goals and the desired outcomes of the project? The goal of this project is to replace the existing water fountains in both Lincoln and Founders Residence Halls with a combination water fountain and filling station. The desired outcome would to decrease the amount of disposable plastic that is produced, and placed into the trash within the UIS Residential facilities. Western Illinois University estimates that since 2013 when the first filling stations were installed, over 1 million plastic bottles have been kept out of landfills. (<https://goo.gl/VysC2R>)

Please describe why this project matters to you and how it relates to sustainability.

This project would aid in sustainability by bringing less waste to landfills, and continue to strengthen the green initiatives on campus. The more filling stations provided throughout campus, along with promoting their use through providing water bottles can change the culture and perception of the importance of sustainability.

Where will the project be located?

The proposed project will replace the current water fountains in Lincoln and Founders Residence Halls

Please provide a brief summary of how students will be involved in or affected by the project:

Students would be directly affected as it would allow quick convenient location to replenish drinking water on their floor or in their buildings as they leave or return to the building. It would help in curtailing the use of disposable bottles, and allow the students to practice simple but effective sustainability efforts.

Please provide a brief summary of the project timeline (Most approved projects are proposed in the Fall and implemented in the Spring)

Once the project is approved Water filling stations will be ordered. Work will be contracted with UIS plumber, or an outside contractor for immediate installation in the spring semester.

Please provide a brief itemized breakdown of the funds needed.

4 water filling stations at \$1,022.00 each (<https://goo.gl/nQkozV>)

Labor for installation: \$600.00

Do you have any suggestions for how we could measure the success of this project? Each filling station comes equipped with a counter, that bases its measurement of how many bottles saved, by how many gallons of water the station has dispensed. This is typically based on a 20-ounce bottle. In its 2 years of use in Homer Butler Commons the filling station has saved the use of over 5000 plastic disposable bottles of water. In a building of 200 people the savings could be remarkable.

Additional comments:

Any additional comments/relevant information about the project proposal