

Clean Energy Fund Recommendations | Spring 2019

Submitted by the Socially Responsible Investment Advisory Council to Richard Cate, VP for Finance

Executive Summary

As part of the call for proposals for the Spring 2019 Clean Energy Fund Forum, the members of the SRI Advisory Council received four proposals and invited all of the proposers to present at the Clean Energy Fund Forum on March 6th in the Livak Ballroom, Davis Center. Two proposals were vetted by the Infrastructure Committee (see the [Organizational Chart](#) for more details) and the other two came directly from the same metrics to vote on proposals as in the past and particularly emphasizes the potential for *impact* on university community and the alignment with CEF goals.

The SRI Advisory Council voted to fund \$15,910 of the \$

Proposal Recommendations

Recommendation to fully fund Carbon Offset Proposal

Name of presenter: Will Corcoran, undergraduate student and SRI Advisory Council member

Proposal summary: This concept was developed by Will and several other students to address the largest source of carbon emissions for most students during their time at UVM, which is international air travel. This proposal aims to develop an online resource for students that describes options and methods for offsetting air travel. This proposal will occur in two phases. Phase 1 funding is designed to support an internship to conduct initial research on what a carbon offset resource might include. Students will return to the CEF to request funding for Phase 2 following the internship research.

Funding request: Phase 1: \$1,650.

Recommendation: Members expressed strong support for the project and the motion to fully fund the Phase 1 passed easily. **Recommendation for full funding of Phase 1 of the project at \$1,650.**

Recommendation to deny funding for Wind Turbine Repairs

Name of presenter: Rich Wolbach, Energy Manager

Proposal summary: The 10kW Bergey demonstration wind turbine near Jeffords Hall is not currently functional and in need of repair. This proposal originally came through the Infrastructure Committee to fund new components on the turbine.

Funding request: \$15,000 was requested to buy a new inverter and hire a consultant to the work.

Recommendation: The Advisory Council members deliberated at the 10/15/13 meeting.

Recommendation to partially fund Signage for the Wind Turbine and Solar Panels

Name of presenter: Erica Spiegel, Physical Plant

Proposal summary: This proposal requested funding for signage near the central heating plant to describe the solar panels on the building and signage near the Bergey wind turbine. The sign near the central heating plant is old and weathered and in need of repair.

Funding request: \$4,110 for both signs - \$3,100 for one sign

Recommendation: The group voted unanimously to fund the sign near the central heating plant. They request that students be involved in the design of the graphics. **The recommendation is to fund the signage request at \$3,100.**

Recommendation to partially fund the Clean Energy Storytelling and Data Collection Project

Name of presenter: Richard Watts, professor and Sophie Smith, undergraduate student

Proposal summary: This proposal attempts to celebrate and communicate the work of the CEF by engaging students to develop digital materials that capture and market the CEF projects on campus. This proposal included funding for a professional photographer, student interns to support data collection and design of materials, and print brochures for visiting students.

Funding request: \$17,760

Recommendation: