

The Student Environment Centre

Student Resource Group University of British Columbia

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Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

Name:				
Date: Tuesday March 10 th , 2015				
Contact Email or Phone:				
Club or Group Affiliation: UBCC350 Amount Requested: \$735				
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1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

In preparation for the upcoming 2015 Federal elections, UBCC350 will be executing the first half of our Climate Voting Campaign. The first half of this campaign, which will be on-going through March, focuses on mobilizing voters within Vancouver Quadra to vote with climate policy in mind. We are hoping to accomplish this by holding a series of events to inspire UBC students to join us on March 28th in our "Storm the Riding" event where we will be door-to-door canvassing to talk about the importance of climate policies in the platforms of Vancouver Quadra candidates. Our events to create a buzz around "Storm the Riding" and the upcoming elections will be an Academic Panel Discussion called *Climate Change: Science, Policy and Politics,* as well as a screening of "Merchants of Doubt". During our Academic Panel Discussion, professors of UBC will be discussing the implications of climate change and needed climate policy in their respective fields. This will be followed by an opportunity for Vancouver

Quadra candidates and party representatives to present their positions on climate policy. The purpose of this campaign is to ensure that community members are actively engaged with the climate policy portion of federal candidates' platforms and that the candidate who has the best chance of implementing science-based climate policy is voted into office.

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?

This project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC because it promotes climate action through the student-voice and the electoral process. We know that a large population of UBC students are looking for greater federal leadership on energy and climate policies in Canada and do not support the Stephen Harper majority currently in place. We are looking to encourage UBC students to take an active role to voice and discuss their climate concerns to the larger voting population in Vancouver riding during our "Storm the Riding" event. Since UBC campus is a part of Vancouver Quadra, we want to ensure our elected representative in the House of Commons is reflecting students' voices on environmental issues that pertain to the nation.

3. How will you document the successes and difficulties of your project? In what ways do you foresee this documentation aiding other SEC Eco-Initiatives (approximately 200 words)?

We will document the successes and difficulties of our campaign through our weekly minutes and executive meetings. Each general meeting we strive to get feedback from members of UBCC350 on how previously assigned tasks and roles went. We then take the time to figure out if there is anything we need to alter in our future plans to accommodate those comments. These meetings are recorded through weekly minutes and are often discussed further through email. In looking through our records of minutes, other SEC initiatives will be able to see what aspects of our overall campaign were successful and what could be improved on. We also encourage any students who are looking to hold a policy driven campaign to reach out to us so we can offer guidance and share our connections and research. We will be having photographers and possibly a videographer at both *Climate Change: Science, Policy and Politics* and Storm the Riding.

4. For most requests of funding of this amount, the SEC would like to see other funding sources contributing to the financing of your project. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)

We have not pursued any other means of funding as it took us longer than intended to work out the specifics of this campaign. We are hoping that due to our limited timeline SEC will see the value of our campaign and be able to be its full funding source. We do have connections in the greater environmental community who will be supporting us by lending some supplies such as clipboards, megaphones, etc.

5. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for?

SEC funding will be used for the following:

Climate Change: Science, Policy and Politics (March 27):

- Promotional Event Posters- \$150
 - Printed through UBC Printing Services

Storm the Riding Event (March 28):

- Tape, staples, and tacks for mounting- \$20
- Storm the Riding Volunteer Packages (Quantity 150):
 - Printed hand-outs (Script, pledge, conversation visuals, doorhanger, Vancouver Quadra Map, etc.)- \$200
 - Printed through UBC Printing Services
 - o 150 Pens- \$25
 - Waterproof Re-sealable bags- \$15
 - Volunteer Nametags and Printing- \$25
- Refreshments for Welcome/Kick-Off Reception-\$300
 - o Sprouts Baked Goods: \$150
 - Sprouts coffee/tea: \$75
 - BC grown apples: \$30
 - o Recyclable coffee cups (attendees will be encouraged to bring their

own mugs): \$30

Signed (Your Name):

Dye-free napkins: \$15

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SEC Treasurer Name:	Signature:	
SEC Chair Name:	Signature:	

A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers. Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to enviro@ams.ubc.ca. Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.