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NAU Green Fund Now Sponsoring Events

The NAU Green Fund has a new event sponsorship form for all NAU organizations and clubs as well as hosts in the Flagstaff area. Those that want to request funds for sustainability based events that benefit students at NAU can fill out the form on the Green Fund website, and the Green Fund committee will review it and provide feedback.

Previously, the Green Fund only had forms for projects and research grants. This meant that people who wanted event funding had to fill out the much more extensive project funding form, which often had questions that weren't applicable to an event. Now, the event sponsorship form allows for a smoother and faster process.

This change will allow for the Green Fund to help NAU reach its climate action goals– one of which being carbon neutrality by 2030. Clubs and organizations at NAU can request funding as long as their event fits into one of seven sustainability categories– waste minimization, multicultural, environmental justice, sustainable landscaping/gardening, communication, education or forestry. This means that even if an event doesn't necessarily focus on sustainability, it can receive funding if it uses more sustainable materials, like replacing single use plastics with reusable containers.

"We felt it was important to make this change and distinction between our funding forms," Grace Carr, Impact Analyst for the Green Fund, said, "Allowing for people to receive sustainable funding makes NAU a greener place."

This change also adds the Green Fund to one of several places where student clubs and organizations can receive funding for events. Along with Student Activities Council, SUN Entertainment, and Associated Students of NAU.

The NAU Green Fund was founded in 2010 and is comprised of eight students in addition to faculty and staff members who vote to fund projects and research using the $15 per student per semester Green Fee. All of the Green Fund's meetings are open to the public and any student, staff or faculty member can submit a proposal.