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# MTSU Clean Energy Initiative Project Funding Request

There are five (5) sections of the request to complete before submitting. See <a href="http://www.mtsu.edu/sga/cleanenergy.shtml">http://www.mtsu.edu/sga/cleanenergy.shtml</a> for funding guidelines. Save completed form and email to cee@mtsu.edu or mail to MTSU Box 57.

1. General Information			
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2. Project Categories (Select One)				
Select the category that best describes th	e proj	ect.		
Energy Conservation/Efficiency		Sustainable Design		
Alternative Fuels	Х	Other - stewardship		
Renewable Energy		2 2 2		

# 3. Project Information

- a. Please provide a brief descriptive title for the project.
- b. The project cost estimate is the expected cost of the project to be considered by the committee for approval, which may differ from the total project cost in the case of matching funding opportunities. Any funding request is a 'not-to-exceed' amount. Any proposed expenditure above the requested amount will require a resubmission.
- c. List the source of project cost estimates.
- d. Provide a brief explanation in response to question regarding previous funding.
- 3a. Project Title Purchase of Recycling Containers for the MTSU Recycles Program, to replace older design round bins with square bins and lids for improved appearance and due to increased awareness of recycling on campus and more bin requests, we want to look good!
- 3b. Project Cost Estimate \$5,500
- 3c. Source of Estimate Vendors/previous purchases -price research; based on increasing requests for bins.

3d. If previous funding from this source was awarded, explain how this request differs? Each previous request has supported the growth and support of recycling on campus. Without the funding, the additional containers would not have been possible. The committee's generous funding in the past has helped to grow the campus recycling program and has been responsible for establishing and improving recycling in over 80 buildings. This request provides continued support, allowing us to adequately provide the campus buildings and offices with a better recycling appearance.

Recycling at MTSU continues to grow!

# 4. Project Description

(Completed in as much detail as possible.)

- a. The scope of the work to be accomplished is a detailed description of project activities.
- b. The benefit statement describes the advantages of the project as relates to the selected project category.
- c. The location of the project includes the name of the building, department, and/or specific location of where the project will be conducted on campus.
- d. List any departments you anticipate to be involved. Were any departments consulted in preparation of this request? Who? A listing may be attached to this form when submitted.
- e. Provide specific information on anticipated student involvement or benefit.
- f. Provide information for anticipated future operating and/or maintenance requirements occurring as a result of the proposed project.
- g. Provide any additional comments or information that may be pertinent to approval of the project funding request.

#### 4a. Scope: Work to be accomplished

With the renovation of many offices plus new offices being added, as well as new buildings and additional computer labs to serve the enrollment on campus, students, faculty, and staff are getting more involved with recycling. More recycling containers are needed in a variety of sizes for ease of recycling of the materials collected. The intent for this funding is to improve the overall look of recycling on campus.

We anticipate continued growth and additional requests for bins. Particularly the new Student Services and Admissions Center and the new Science Building are in need of new bins and new buildings need the improved appearance.

#### 4b. Scope: Benefit Statement

Providing a good and consistent look for recycling is important to everyone involved. Bin size is important and improves the handling of commodities the program picks up and stores at the recycling locations, leads to better management of the increased volumes of materials collected, improves the efficiency of pick-ups, and decreases the amount of recyclables land-filled.

Benefits include- financial from sale of the increased volumes of commodities collected

to support the program, a decrease in our contribution to the landfill, and the satisfaction of being good stewards to the University and community.

# 4. Project Description (continued)

4c. Location of Project (Building, etc.)

Recycling is a campus-wide program.

#### 4d. Participants and Roles

Center for Energy Efficiency, MTSU Recycling Program – Linda Hardymon, Manager. Students employed by the program do a great job keeping up with the program needs.

### 4e. Student participation and/or student benefit

Our recycling crew includes students working part-time, work study students at times, temporary staff, and volunteers. Nearly all university students, administration, and faculty participate in recycling, whether requesting containers to improve pick-ups, suggesting new locations, or simply recycling to cut down on the trash going to the landfill.

### 4f. Future Operating and/or Maintenance Requirements

New or additional containers should not create a future operating or maintenance burden to the campus.

The recycling program employs several student workers to work the program, providing help on a regular part-time basis for the collection of recycled materials.

### 4g. Additional Comments or Information Pertinent to the Proposed Project

MTSU Recycling is a growing thing and successful in cutting the amount of trash being hauled to the landfill. It is supported by student involvement. Many student organizations offer assistance to help maintain the recycling benefit to the University.

### **5. Project Performance Information**

Provide information if applicable.

- a. Provide information on estimated annual energy savings stated in units such as kW, kWh, Btu, gallons, etc.
- b. Provide information on estimated annual energy cost savings in monetary terms.
- c. Provide information on any annual operating or other cost savings in monetary terms. Be specific.
- d. Provide information about any matching or supplementary funding opportunities that are available. Identify all sources and explain.

5a. Estimated Annual Energy Savings (Estimated in kW, kWh, Btu, etc.)

Savings involves a decrease in trash collections and subsequent landfill costs.

5b. Annual Energy COST Savings (\$)

N/A

5c. Annual Operating or Other Cost Savings. Specify. (\$)

Improved recycling efforts will produce additional revenue to support the program and reduce landfill costs.

5d.Matching or Supplementary Funding (Identify and Explain)