Sustainability Infusion Grant

Introduction
Awards of up to $500 each are available to classified staff, faculty, student groups, and administrators for efforts related to sustainability at West Valley College. Proposals would ideally reduce the environmental impact of administration, instruction, and/or learning, improve the sustainability of the campus, or enhance instruction in sustainability or resilience.

Awards can be used for equipment, supplies, and curricular materials—all of which would remain District property. Funds cannot be used on stipends or personal gain (no gift cards) for faculty, staff, or students but can be used for organizational memberships, workshop fees, or stipends for non-WVC presenters.

The total amount of funds available is limited, and proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted. Funds must be dispersed by April 30. However, use of the funds is not limited to the Spring semester; an instructor, for example, can purchase a resource in March with the intent to use it in the summer or fall.

Potential Examples:
- Departmental purchase of refillable dry-erase marker starter kits instead of single-use markers.
- Creation of green spaces with plants and a composting container in each break room of a building.
- Integration of sustainability into curriculum.
- An outdoor clean-up—on campus or off—organized by faculty or a student group
- Student competition (art, writing, design, science) related to sustainability with small, non-monetary prizes, such as student passes to the International Ocean Film Festival.

Past Examples That Would Qualify:
- Unlimited digital access for WVC to the book “Reframing the Curriculum: Design for Social Justice and Sustainability”
- Purchase of WVC access to sustainability-themed films for Art & Parks Management classes
- Materials that a Parks Management class used to build planter boxes for the Child Development Center

Please attach this form, with the information requested below, to Brad.Chin@wvm.edu

1. Name
2. College ID (G0) Number
3. Email

4. Phone Number

5. Please state your department/division, if applicable, and if you are Classified, Faculty (Full-time or Associate), Student, or Administrator. If you are submitting a proposal on behalf of a group, please identify the group.

6. Please describe your proposal and its potential impact.

7. What resources are needed for the proposal and what are the approximate costs? Please provide links if possible and applicable.

8. What is the total amount requested?

9. When do you anticipate implementing your proposal?

10. I understand that if my proposal is funded and depending on the nature of the proposal, I may be asked to share about the results with the Sustainability Committee: Yes or No