

Legislative Discretionary Fund Appropriation Proposal Form

Finance Committee recommendation

Request #	Date	Recommendation	Notes
\$383		\$383	

Members proposing the appropriation

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Description:

This appropriation allocates \$383 from the LDF to purchase 5,000 English/English [Know Your Rights Red Cards](#) from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), for CSG to distribute across campus.

These Red Cards provide valuable information for people to have on hand when interacting with law enforcement and can even be given to law enforcement as a way of invoking Constitutional rights.

The Red Cards will be available for distribution at CSG events or tabling. The Red Cards will also be added to the Reproductive Health Basket in the CSG office to allow students to take them discreetly.

While it is possible to print and cut these Red Cards out ourselves, it is vitally important that none of the words get cut off which is quite difficult and time-consuming. If we would be paying \$15 an hour for someone to do this labor it is unlikely we would end up saving that much money, especially considering that the Red Cards would also need to be laminated to last. Furthermore, it is important for students to trust the information on these Red Cards, and having the Red Cards look more professional with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center logo on them will make them more trustworthy.

It is also technically possible for nonprofit immigrant-serving organizations to request free Red Cards, however, there is a significant backlog with unpredictable wait times and organizations are capped at requesting 250 Red Cards per week. Furthermore, the intent of this program is to distribute these Red Cards as widely as possible across campus and not only to immigrant students.

Finally, the ILRC website states: “The only form in which the ILRC offers paid orders—via RedCardOrders.com—is for sustainability in offsetting the cost of printing/shipping for those with the means to cover the expense. This normally applies to large organizations seeking hundreds, even thousands of Red Cards. These are printed at a union shop and do not generate a profit for the ILRC.” It seems clear that CSG and this initiative fall both into the category of needing a large order and being capable of covering the expense.

Request detail

Item	Amount	Description
Know Your Rights Red Cards	\$350	5,000 English/English Know Your Rights Red Cards from www.RedCardOrders.com . “All people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. The ILRC's red cards give examples of how people can exercise these rights.”
Shipping of Know Your Rights Red Cards	\$33	USPS Ground Advantage Delivery: The cheapest delivery option for 5,000 English/English Know Your Rights Red Cards from www.RedCardOrders.com .
TOTAL	\$383	