



Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 14-075

The Microgrant Appropriation Act

Resolution Information

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Long title	A Procedural Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Rackham Student Government for Basic Needs Microgrants
Author Summary	This resolution appropriates \$15,000 for Rackham Student Government's Basic Needs Microgrants that provide free, short-term assistance to graduate students looking to improve their wellness.

Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote; Presidential approval.
Committees	Finance

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	Passed For First Reads (Y/N; Initials)	Passed For Second Reads (Y/N; Initials)
Rules		
Finance	Y; AP	Y; AP
Communications		
Resolutions		

Attest



Eric Veal, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Yes: Unanimous

Date: 10 February 2025

Presidential Approval



Mario M. Thaqi, LSA

February 10th, 2025

Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

Rackham Student Government (RSG) represents the graduate students of the University of Michigan at the unit student government level; AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG provides services to graduate students that are utilized at a level that exceed their budget; AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG offers basic needs microgrants to graduate students to improve their well-being and offer assistance for essential items, such as technology, healthcare products, fitness equipment, automotive needs, academic needs, and housing needs, among other things;¹ AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG generally faces a shortfall between what they can actually fund and their requests for microgrants; AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG has had to increase the monetary microgrant amount and consequently reduce the number of microgrants available due to inflation; AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG has expanded the microgrants to include as many students as possible, including graduate and professional students not under the purview of Rackham or RSG, such as law students, social work students, and medical school students;² AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG received \$18,000 from CSG towards the microgrant program last year;³ AND,

WHEREAS,

RSG receives funding from Rackham student dues and from the Rackham Graduate School, and RSG attempts to serve the *entire* graduate and professional student population through this program, including professional students.

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

The Assembly hereby appropriates fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to make an immediate donation of the same amount to Rackham Student Government, to be spent on Basic Needs Microgrants as soon as practicable.

¹ <https://rsg.umich.edu/resources/microgrant>

² Ibid.

³ [AR 13-059.docx](#)