

Undergraduate Student Government Students First Funding Request:

"Tabling at Housing Fair"

Senator Tun 11/13/2023

Senators and Directors must fill out this form with details in their Students First Funding Request. After completion, this should be shared with another Director or Senator for an initial review. Once reviewed, share it with the President, Chief of Staff, Director of Business and Finance, and Advisor via email 6 weeks prior to the event/project to be reviewed again. Once the Director of Business and Finance and Advisor have signed off on the document, the Chief of Staff will add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Before moving forward, have you read the SFFR procedure?

■ Students First Funding Request Procedure

Additional resource! (not a requirement)

Event Planning Checklist

What is the title of your students' first initiative?

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Please briefly describe your students' first initiative?

The Off-Campus and Commuter Committee, along with myself, will have the privilege of hosting a table at the upcoming Housing Fair, scheduled for November 13th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. This event provides us with an opportunity to engage with both off-campus students and those on the brink of transitioning into off-campus living. Our presence at the fair will enable us to collect valuable data regarding any issues or concerns that students may wish to raise. The data will be collected through verbal interaction and/or anonymous report through a letterbox set up.

It is worth noting that the event's regulations prohibit the serving of food from participating companies, with the exception of USG. Nonetheless, I am confident that our table will be attractively adorned and, in particular, features pizzas to entice and engage the attendees.

How do you know that your program will fulfill student needs?

The upcoming event will serve as an invaluable platform for students to articulate their concerns and address various issues. It will also play a crucial role in collecting essential student information to integrate into our communication system, ensuring that all students receive timely news and updates about campus affairs. The communication system will be a new letter email and a mailbox for any

concerns and issues that students would like to tell us. This becomes particularly vital, given that off-campus students do not have the privilege of encountering physical event posters, which are more accessible to their on-campus counterparts.

The provision of pizza will serve as an incentive to entice students to attend the event and actively engage with the participating companies. This is a highly beneficial initiative as it allows students to partake in one-on-one interactions with these companies, enabling them to pose pertinent questions and initiate their journey towards off-campus living on a positive note.

What population of students does your initiative serve and what research did you do surrounding this population?

The initiative is designed to cater to the needs of off-campus students seeking new housing options, as well as prospective off-campus students in search of housing solutions for the upcoming summer or the subsequent fall, one their dormitory leases have concluded.

Research shows that the majority of the students have challenges finding off-campus housing due to financial constraints such as credit/income requirements and security deposits (Hsieh). Thus this event can help a student navigate these challenges by interacting with the companies to negotiate and secure affordable housing.

How does this request collaborate with the mission of our Undergraduate Student Government?

This collaborative endeavor will serve as a means to draw students to the fair, with the ultimate aim of fostering engagement and interaction. Within this context, students will have the opportunity to voice their concerns and issues, and establish dialogue with housing campines, thereby taking their first steps towards the transition to off-campus living. This initiative is congruent with the objectives of USG as it facilitates increased exposure for students to pertinent information that directly impacts their personal lives.

What date and time will this event take place?

November 13th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

What amount are you asking to be allocated?

Please provide a <u>breakdown</u> justifying the amount you are requesting:

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\$127.05

What current university programs have you found similar to your initiative? If similar services exist, what KSU departments offer them?

This is similar to "meet your senators" events in regards to learning any issues and concerns, however, it has the additional benefit of attracting students toward the housing fair itself.

Does this initiative collaborate with any student organizations or campus offices etc. If so, which ones?

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Resources

Hsieh, K. (n.d.). *Educationally Resilient College Students and Their Experiences with Housing Insecurity*. https://doi.org/10.5642/cguetd/213