

Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee (UOFC) End of Year Report

This end-of-year report, prepared by the Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee (UOFC) contains a framework for consideration, summary statistics and statistics for each round, and recommendations.

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UOFC Framework for Consideration

UOFC's Framework for Consideration ensures that the allocation of funds is fair, consistent, and aligned with the broader objectives of the YCC. A standardized Framework for Consideration brings clarity and reliability to the funding process.

The UOFC's funding priorities & evaluation criteria:

1. Events that are predicted to maximize outreach and attendance
 - a. Due to limited funding available and thus the likelihood of not being able to award funding for all events in full, the UOFC prioritizes events that promote student body participation, engagement, and collaboration.
2. Organizations that lack funds from sources alternative to that from UOFC
 - a. As part of the UOFC application, organizations must provide the following information: current funds available, estimated annual income, other funding sources, and comments about these (if applicable). The UOFC seeks to encourage organizations that may be less financially established and recognized to develop and expand their impact on campus. By doing so, the UOFC hopes to promote greater diversity amongst the organizations on campus. However, this evaluation criteria does not negate organizations with other sources of funding from receiving funding from the UOFC.
3. Aspects strongly considered after the above factors:
 - a. Size of active membership
 - b. Target average funding awarded per organization (total round's funding divided by the number of organizations applying for funding)

UOFC Budget Overview

The UOFC received \$370,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year from Yale College Council, which was distributed during 3 rounds. Please refer to the [UOFC Guidelines](#) and Framework for Consideration for an overview and explanation of this review. Additionally, while the following tables provide a high-level overview of UOFC's budget, a more in-depth analysis of each round's funding allocation may be viewed [here](#).

Total:

	2023-2024
# of applications from student organizations	803 applications
Total \$ awarded	\$370,000
Total \$ requested	\$1,141,000

Round 1:

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Comparison
# of organizations that applied funding	229 organizations	295 organizations	+66 organizations (+29%)
Total \$ awarded	\$121,000	\$110,000	-\$11,000 (-9%)
Average \$ awarded	\$545/org	\$372/org	-\$175/org (-32%)
Total \$ requested	\$357,000	\$412,000	+\$55,000 (+15%)
Target ratio (awarded:requested)	0.34	0.24	-0.10

Round 2:

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Comparison
# of organizations that applied funding	159 organizations	225 organizations	+66 organizations (+42%)
Total \$ awarded	\$109,000	\$93,000	-\$16,000 (-15%)
Average \$ awarded	\$685/org	\$413/org	-\$272/org (-40%)

Total \$ requested	<i>Data unavailable</i>	\$272,000	<i>Data unavailable</i>
Target ratio (awarded:requested)	<i>Data unavailable</i>	0.31	<i>Data unavailable</i>

Round 3:

	2023-2024
# of organizations that applied funding	283 organizations
Total \$ awarded	\$178,000
Average \$ awarded	\$629/organization
Total \$ requested	\$457,000
Target ratio (awarded:requested)	0.38

Recommendations

1. *Clarification of UOFC guidelines*

This year's funding allocations saw many student organizations requesting funds for the following purposes:

- Materials not covered under UOFC guidelines, such as:
 - Travel/Living Expenses
 - Bank fees
 - Gifts for students/guests
- Materials for which a more affordable alternative were available.

Due to limited funding available, UOFC strongly adhered to its guidelines when reviewing funding applications and awarding funding. In order to streamline the process of allocating funds, the current UOFC team recommends that work is done on clarifying the committee's guidelines when it comes to all types of funding requests, and a dedicated document of all UOFC guidelines be drafted with student comprehension in mind.

2. *Drafting of an alternative funding sources guide*

The current funding allocations process primarily relies on SOC (Student Organizations Consultants) and their onboarding to provide Yale organizations with a list of funding resources that are alternative to UOFC (examples include Dean's Discretionary Fund, Dwight Hall C&C Fund, and others).

This year, a good portion of funding requests that UOFC Finance Managers denied or partially approved were a result of student organizations' underutilization of the aforementioned resources. As a result, the UOFC team recommends that a funding sources guide be created for distribution among the student body—which includes both funding sources, as well as alternative resource acquisition methods.