USG Funding Policy Town Hall



Objectives

Improve communication between USG and Tier II organizations on spending levels.

To ensure that student fees are used to enhance the undergraduate student experience through funding of RSOs. (registered student organizations)

Ensure that Tier II funds are available for as long as possible into the year.

USG Budget 101



Funding

- Available funding is currently estimated at \$900,000
 - The form is scheduled to open July 14, 2025
 - Earliest Funding available is 6 weeks from form release date
- Funding Policies 2025-2026 -- DRAFT
 - Highlighted in red Policies to be removed
 - Highlighted in yellow Policies to be changed

General Policies



Important Policies

- Each Registered Student Organization (RSO) has a limit of up to \$15,000 throughout the academic year to request from USG
 - Requests must be submitted through the funding system on Kuali Build
- Requests need to be submitted at least 6 weeks before funding is needed and can be submitted more than 6 weeks in advance for better planning
- RSO's need to be SOLID compliant to receive funding
- Funding is on a first come first serve basis

USG Funding Policy CHANGES -



Policy 2.2

RSOs may not submit a Funding Request for less than \$250

To discourage padding smaller requests to meet the \$100 requirement

Policy 2.8

All Requests for amounts less than \$1,500 will only require one quote to be eligible. All Requests greater than or equal to \$1,500 will require quotes from three different vendors, or one vendor with justification when applicable. (Certain exceptions apply for travel.)

To encourage RSOs to find cheaper alternatives at the beginning of a request to avoid sendbacks.

Policies relating to specific Funding Categories



Policy 4.2.1.3

Requests for speakers are capped at \$450/hour. 4.2.1.3.1- exemption in cases where the number of undergraduates attending outweighs the cost per hour.

Prioritizing funding to increase availability

Policy 4.2.1.4

Requests for performers and event staff, including DJs, models, and dancers, are capped at \$300/hour. Event staff will only be funded if their presence is essential to the mission of the RSO and the event's goals.

To give the opportunity to more groups to access funding





Policy 4.4.2

RSOs are permitted to spend up to \$7,500 on travel from their \$15,000 spending cap.

This is to make the funding opportunity accessible for more clubs as in recent years we have seen funding run out early in the academic year

Policy 4.4.9.1

USG will not pay for lodging at any hotel within a hundred-mile radius of the UConn Storrs campus. RSOs are encouraged to drive to and from events that are close by each day of the event.

A hundred miles from campus is about a 2 hour drive.

Policy 4.4.13.1

Boarding passes

We will remove the policy so that there are less documents that clubs have to submit

<u>Contact</u> <u>Information</u>

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Questions Comments Concerns



Thank You!

