Description

The Alumni Council Committee on Community Service Seed Grant Program was established in 2001 to fund start-up costs of alumni organizations undertaking new, sustainable community service projects.

The program is intended to assist alumni organizations in getting new projects off the ground and running. The Committee on Community Service is available to assist organizations in planning and troubleshooting new and ongoing projects. Most grants will be in the $500 to $1000 range. There are a limited number of grants available in each academic year.

Guidelines for Community Service Seed Grants

- Projects must be sponsored by an existing Princeton alumni organization and should be developed with at least minimal collaboration by the Committee on Community Service.
- Projects should be able to be replicated by other alumni organizations.
- Projects should strive to be sustainable. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to plan for how to sustain the project over the long term.
- Grants are intended to cover start-up costs, not ongoing project costs. Sample start-up costs could include, costs for publicizing the program, transporting volunteers, and feeding volunteers.
- Grant money may not be used for donations to other non-profit organizations.
- A written report, along with photos, and/or a video at the end of the start-up project is required to help the Committee on Community Service gauge the impact of the seed grant.

Application and Selection Process

The Committee will review the applications, and will follow-up with the organization’s president and project organizer. Grants will not be made for projects that have been in existence for more than one year. Applicants should specifically outline plans for the use of the grant including goals, with reasonable plans for obtaining them, and a realistic budget.

Please submit the application to:

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Committee on Community Service Seed Grant Program
The Alumni Council of Princeton University
Box 291
Princeton, NJ 08542
609-258-8082
cp14@princeton.edu
Project Title: ____________________________________________________________
Alumni Organization: ____________________________________________________
Lead Alumni Organizer: __________________________________________________
Role in Organization: ____________________________________________________
Contact Phone: __________________________________________________________
Contact Email: __________________________________________________________

I certify that this is an official project of this alumni organization and that we are committed to supporting, managing and financing it in the future.

Alumni Organization President's Name: ______________________________________
Alumni Organization President’s Signature: _________________________________

In one or two paragraphs, please describe the new community service project, your detailed goals, plans for obtaining them, and a realistic budget.