

Westmont College Student Association

Funding Proposal Form

Group Name: Garden and Sustainability Club	Proposal Date: September 19, 2016
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Project Name: Chicken Coop, Feed, and Maintenance	Project Date: Fall 2016
Department Affiliation: Biology with Amanda Sparkman	Event open to the entire student body? Open to anyone who wants to be a part of the Garden and Sustainability Club!

Has your group submitted a proposal in the past? Yes, Spring 2015

Describe the nature of your project (Target population, number of students involved, length of project, etc).

After proposing the \$500 last semester for the materials to build the chicken coop, we have seen the effort completed in entirety and done very well! This will be a lasting and unique contribution to the campus. Now we need to follow up this project with one last proposal for the semester:

- 1) Purchase 12 chickens to fill the coop.
- 2) Reimburse the student who paid out of pocket to cover the cost of the coop which exceeded the initial \$500 granted.
- 3) Buy feed and water troughs, and buy enough feed to last the 12 chickens all year.

What do you hope to achieve with this project?

The purpose of having a chicken coop is to provide opportunities for students to expand their knowledge of creation care. Also, the chickens will be producing eggs! This is an exciting opportunity to learn about how chickens can benefit the ecosystem of the garden: such as using their manure for compost and fertilizer, and chickens can be an organic way to rid a garden of nasty bugs that eat the plants.

How much money are you requesting from WCSA? (Please provide an itemized budget)

Item Amount

- \$300 for a year of providing food and a feed and water trough.***
- \$270 for the remaining expenditures of the cost of building the coop (We initially requested \$1,000 to cover the cost of the coop, and the purchase of chickens. We were granted \$500 last Spring. The total cost of the coop came out to \$770, and so we still owe \$270 to the builder, who had covered the cost out of his own pocket.).***
- \$200 for the initial investment in purchasing young 15 week old chickens, ready to produce eggs (buying them at this age will save money because we are not having to pay for an incubator and heat machine that would be necessary if chickens were younger).***

TOTAL \$770

Westmont College Mission Statement

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God’s kingdom by cultivating thoughtful scholars, grateful servants and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.

WCSA Mission Statement:

WCSA is the voice that represents the diverse views, beliefs, needs, and desires of our student body. We seek to unify faculty, staff, administration, and students by promoting communication and initiating change at Westmont College.

How does your project relate to the mission of the college and WCSA?

By providing this opportunity for students to care for creation in a new way, we are furthering the availabilities for students to learn in a useful, sustainable, and hands on way. Learning how animals can benefit the garden is useful for life skills. God has called us to be stewards of the earth and we are excited to expand this stewardship to include chickens.

Payment Logistics:

Pay to: The Garden and Sustainability Club (contact Michelle Aronson, she is responsible for the accounts)
Account #:

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General Council Comments:

Action Taken: Pass / Fail

Contact Person Notified? _____

Amount Granted: \$_____