



Project Funding Proposal

Auraria Sustainable Campus Program

To: Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
From: **Marlena Harwood**
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Re: Auraria Campus Shade Garden Signage and Benches Funding

Description

The proposal focuses on the development of a shade garden located outside the Plaza Building on 10th Street Plaza between Lawrence St. and Larimer St. on Auraria campus. Shade gardens are known to reduce solar heat-gain in a garden and in surrounding areas. Shade gardens that are established with plant species native to Colorado can help retain soil irrigation, provide critical habitat for wildlife and pollinator species, and provide a place for students and staff to not only find respite from the heat, but also impart an educational opportunity.

This budget proposal differs from the original Shade Garden project proposal in that we are asking SACAB to allocate \$4,100.00 in funds for the purchasing of three metal benches with plaque inserts, as well as purchasing for signage. Each bench is estimated to cost roughly \$1,200.00, and materials for creating signage for the garden is estimated at \$500.00.

Cost Projection

Signage Allowance	\$500
Benches (3 metal benches with plaque inserts)	\$3,600
Project Total	\$4,100

Savings and Payback

N/A

Timeline

Implementation of the shade garden to begin in August 2021.

Educational Component

Users and viewers of this space will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of hosting native plant gardens in urban spaces. Signage for the ASCP, SACAB, and other co-sponsors will be integrated into the placards informing people of these entities. The benches will have plaque inserts, at least one of which will commemorate SACAB should the budget proposal pass.

Implementation

Shade garden is proposed to be fully implemented & functional by the end of Fall 2021. General maintenance is to be carried out by the Grounds Department.