



SIMON FRASER Public INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

~ engaging students in social and environmental justice since 1981 ~

SFPIRG GRANTS INFO & CRITERIA

SFPIRG's Grants Committee accepts applications for grants from student and community organizations year-round. The Grants Committee is composed of SFPIRG board members, volunteers and staff. We operate on consensus and non-hierarchical principles in decision-making. Applications must be related to a social or environmental justice project, event, initiative or campaign.

How to Submit

Email: admin@sfpirg.ca (*preferred*)
Mail: Grants Committee c/o SFPIRG
TC326 - 8888 University Drive, Burnaby BC, V5A 1S6

You will receive a confirmation email at the latest within 2 business days after the semester deadline. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us to confirm that your application has been received.

DEADLINES

The Grants Committee reviews and adjudicates grants once per semester. Deadlines for applying are **February 28, June 30** and **October 31**.

The Usamah Ansari Creative Justice Award is granted annually. The deadline is **April 6**.

Thank you!

Applications are assessed once every semester and we make decisions in November, March and July. If funding is allocated, we will mail you a cheque in 4-6 weeks. If you are producing a report/publication/video/etc. with this funding, we would appreciate a copy for our resource library.

Please continue reading for specific funding criteria, as well as how SFPIRG can support your work!

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE:

- To SFU students and student groups
- To community groups that have an annual budget of less than \$200,000
- For projects that have a commitment to social and environmental justice
- For events, projects and initiatives occurring within the current academic semester, or within the two upcoming academic semesters

PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO:

- Groups working on the following issues: indigenous sovereignty; genderqueer, trans* and two-spirit issues; disability justice (esp. invisible disabilities); anti-gentrification and affordable housing; food sovereignty; prison industrial complex & police brutality; migrant justice; climate justice; sex workers' rights
- Groups and projects in the Lower Mainland
- Groups working within their own communities
- Groups that engage with the SFU campus
- Groups that demonstrate accessibility and long-term vision

FUNDING IS NOT ALLOCATED TO:

- Student or work exchanges
- Groups or projects that contravene SFPIRG's own constitution and mandate
- Masters and PhD research at the University
- Groups fundraising to donate to other groups or causes
- Events or projects that are held in spaces that are not wheel-accessible, including washroom access

All applications MUST include:

- Summary of the nature of the group or project
- Description of the intended use of the funding
- Detailed timeline and budget for the project
- Description of how accessibility for people with disabilities will be built into the project/event – including the planning stages – and confirmation that only a fully accessible space will be used for the project/event itself
- Contact information
- Name to whom the cheque should be written (if application is successful)

Specific Funding Criteria

Small Grants (up to \$500)

Applications can be submitted by organizations or individuals. This funding is available for small campaigns, one-time events, art projects, publications and other forms of social justice organizing. Newly established groups are welcome to apply.

Please use the SFPIRG Grants Application Form.

Large Grants (up to \$1,000)

Applications are for organizations only. This fund is for large projects and campaigns for well-established community groups. Organizations must have previous experience organizing events or campaigns, and must have a bank account in the organization's name. In addition to meeting our general grants criteria, preference will be given to groups that share SFPIRG's organizational values, including a commitment to anti-oppression work, consensus decision-making and grassroots organizing.

Please use the SFPIRG Grants Application Form.

Usamah Ansari Creative Justice Award (\$500)

In memory of SFPIRG volunteer Usamah Ansari, this award supports individuals or groups working on creative social justice projects including art, poetry, music and writing. Priority is given to communities of colour, refugees and youth. Application deadline is April 6th, the anniversary of Usamah's birthday.

Please use the SFPIRG Grants Application Form.

Conferences & Workshops Fund (up to \$100)

Funding is available for students attending social and environmental justice conferences and/or workshops. This fund is designated for SFU students only, to a maximum of \$100 per fiscal year per person.

Please use the SFPIRG Conferences & Workshops Application Form.

How SFPIRG CAN SUPPORT YOUR WORK

SFPIRG is a student-funded and student-lead social and environmental justice resource centre located on the Burnaby campus of SFU. Our mandate is to bring research, education and action to the SFU community, as well as to foster links between social justice and environmental issues; the local and the global; and the university and the wider community. Some of the concrete supports we can offer to help facilitate connection with the SFU community include:

1. Publicizing your event to our e-list of over 1300 subscribers. Our weekly Digest goes out every Thursday, advertising events from the following Monday onwards. Email **digest@sfpirg.ca** to include your event. Please submit your event in the following format:
 - Event Name:
 - Date:
 - Time:
 - Place:
 - Contact Info:
 - Short Description: (50 words max)
2. Supporting SFU students and groups to book rooms and equipment at SFU, including at the Burnaby, Harbour Centre and Surrey campuses. The SFPIRG lounge and meeting room are also great places to host small meetings or workshops. Contact **admin@sfpirg.ca** with your room booking inquiries.
3. For student organizers, we offer access to resources and supplies, including a scanner, access to office supplies and poster-making materials, a button maker, coffee maker, etc. Drop by the office Monday to Friday, 10:30am-4:30pm or email **outreach@sfpirg.ca** for more information.
4. For projects that may be looking to produce some specific research, our ARX (Action Research Exchange) project pairs up students with community groups looking for research. Students elect to undertake a research project in an area of interest to them, either for credit or for their own experience. For more information on how to apply or to view some of the existing research proposals, please visit **www.sfpirg.ca/arx** or contact our Research Coordinator at **arx@sfpirg.ca**.

If none of the above applies and/or you would like to work with us in some other way, we are happy to have a chat with you. Please give us a call at **778-782-4360** or email **info@sfpirg.ca**. We are open Monday to Friday, 10:30am-4:30pm.