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Project title - Fostering Community Growth within the Sustainable Village

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Sustainability theme – Education and Outreach regarding the Sustainable Village

Project summary - The Sustainable Village needs to increase its sense of inter and intra community. Besides the required class and necessary meetings that are scheduled, there are no other social interactions among the village residents. With funds provided by the RISE grant, we would organize and host monthly dinners for the remainder of the semester to promote community living. Although these dinners would provide us all with an opportunity to simply get to know one another better, it would also provide us with an informal forum to discuss future sustainability projects and ideas. An increased sense of community within the village would help raise awareness regarding the values and benefits of sustainability for the rest of the UAF campus.

Along with monthly dinners for students living in the village, we would also use the funds to host a Residence Life open house for prospective students considering living in the village in the future. We are also looking to host a First Friday event in the village, showcasing student art as well as the village itself for both the UAF and Fairbanks communities.

Project description

Monthly Dinners
Intercommunity and Intra-community Goal will be accomplished by monthly dinners. They would foster a sense of community amongst the villagers.
   March 24th
   April 21st

The potluck-style dinner will be funded by the allocation of funds to students for each house. The houses would come together and foster a sense of community that is sorely lacking in the village.
   15 people * $10 * 2 Dinners = $300

The prepared foods would be bought by students from local sources and will be organically grown.

Open House event
   Applications for housing would be available at events
   Information about the different houses and their unique technologies.
   Banners, Flyers around campus advertising that the village has openings
   Information booklet about the village
   Photo shoot - New flyers for SV featuring real students
   House plans with photos of the rooms

First Friday event
   Each house has $200 to provide locally sourced and/or organic appetizers and drinks * 4 houses = $800
   Each house would host a local or UAF student artist

Tell us about your project and how you came up with the idea:
Everyone in the Village has spoken with students on campus and we have come to realize that not many people know what and where the village is. The village stands for sustainability and groundbreaking new technology that can change the face of green technology. UAF’s student body would be a powerful force behind the promotion of sustainability in our classes and future careers. The Village is a clear example of a venue in which the university can sell their promise of sustainability to the students, faculty and everyone associated with the university.

Project value
Although this proposal will only fund events during this semester, we hope that the monthly potluck dinners will become a village tradition. In the summer and fall months,
more of the food for these dinners will be either grown at the campus gardens or bought at the Fairbanks farmers market. By building a strong sense of community within the Sustainable Village, more students will be motivated to apply for housing in the village in the future. Raising awareness by opening up our homes to the rest of the community will assure that the concept of sustainability will continue to be valued on the UAF campus.

**Implementation plan –**

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<td>First Friday Event:</td>
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**Outreach Plan –**

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<td>Lakeidra</td>
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<td>Radio</td>
<td>KSUA</td>
<td>Mid March</td>
<td>Maria and Nikki</td>
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<td>Poster</td>
<td>Around campus: UAF Printing Services</td>
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<td>Emily and Eric Williams</td>
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Flyers

Around campus

Mid March

Birch and Tamarack

Budget

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Budget justification

The food and supplies for the First Friday event and monthly dinners will be bought from as many local sources as possible, and if local sources are unavailable the food will be organically grown. The printing services supplied by UAF has standards for free printing that is satisfied by our Proposal’s needs.

Qualification & Experience

Each member of this proposal is excited about the possibility of showcasing just how great the Sustainable Village is to members of the outside community, while also building a sense of community within the village. Nikki has experience in advertising and Lakeidra works for the Sunstar. All of us have been involved in volunteer projects. Emily is president of the Northern Studies group on campus, which has provided her with experience organizing events, including a potluck at her house in the village for Northern Studies students and faculty.

Technical advisors and collaborators
The residents of Birch House (Maria, Nikki, and Emily) have previously worked with Todd Paris, the UAF campus photographer. He would assist us by giving advice about advertising aims and taking the pictures to contribute to Residential Life and the various flyers of the events. Also Michelle Hebert would be sought out for advice on the subject of hosting the First Friday event. Lastly, John Napolski and Jesse (the Village RA) from Residence Life has offered to sponsor the food for the Open House.