

**Associated Students Recycling  
Department of Public Worms  
University of California, Santa Barbara**



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Dear TGIF Grant-Making Committee,

As the Associated Students Recycling and Department of Public Worms Program Coordinator, I am strongly in support of the partnership project between the Food Bank and the AS Department of Public Worms. The Sustainable Food Distribution and Education Project fits well with The Green Initiative Fund's overall mission and helps both the AS Food Bank and AS DPW accomplish their goals of serving the student body. It will help the campus in the following ways:

- Directly improve the environmental footprint of the Food Bank by allowing them to purchase low-impact fresh and local food rather than canned non-perishable items.
- Reduce costs for the Food Bank by allowing them to purchase inexpensive local food rather than high-cost non-perishable items.
- Allow both DPW and the Food Bank to outreach to students about the environmental and nutritional benefit of fresh local food and how they can grow it themselves.

The project helps the campus financially and environmentally while improving student health and awareness. It also sheds light on the environmental impacts of modern food production, which is an often-overlooked issue. It helps round out the campus' already impressive programs on water, waste, and energy and adds a social justice component through its focus on students with limited resources. AS Department of Public Worms is very excited about the project and highly committed to the partnership, and we believe we can make a big difference on our campus!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Siedschlag'.

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