

## General information

The Sustainability Fund is offered by the university with the goal to facilitate a transition to a more sustainable study and student association or organization. The Sustainability Fund is awarded to associations that have a concrete idea to make the organization more sustainable and can use financial aid to do so.

### Guidelines for applying for a Sustainability Subsidy

- Your subsidy application should help implement a positive change.
- You are more likely to be granted the subsidy if your change will have a high impact.
- You should prove why the change you are making would be sustainable.
- You should provide a clear calculation of the money needed.

### Tips

When creating your subsidy application, carefully consider the guidelines mentioned above.

- Besides making sure your change is sustainable, it should also have a sizable impact. In case a decision needs to be made between different applications, those that contribute to a durable change rather than one-time things will be prioritized.
- If you are organizing a new activity focused on sustainability for the first time and you do not have budget set aside for this, we can see if we can help cover (part of) the costs. Or you could see if the stimulation fund fits better - <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/career/talent-development/active-a-board/board-grants>. Note that in your application you will describe what the future perspective and change within your organization will be.
- If you want to make an already existing aspect of your organization more sustainable, which will increase the costs, you could apply for the excess costs which were not in the budget previously.
- Please provide proof of your statements by supplying articles or quality marks.

### Application restrictions

- Proposals can be submitted by student, sport and study associations
- A 'business plan' must be made in which the association clearly states:
  - o What needs to be done to make your project/program/submitted idea more sustainable and what the motivation of the association is to make this more sustainable.
  - o Additionally you need to indicate how this subsidy contributes to the university's sustainability ambitions see <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/sites/default/files/download/Sustainability%20Plan%20Tilburg%20University%202018-2021.docx>
  - o What the costs will be and what part of the cost subsidy will be applied for.
  - o When this improvement will take place (a clear timeline).
- Claims made by the associations to this fund should be directed towards long-lasting changes related to sustainability; preferably, the association needs to include their sustainable way of operation in their bylaws

- Initiatives can be connected towards organization of the association, office environment, activities
- There need to be an acceptable timeline between requesting for the funding and implementing the idea
- Money cannot be already spend before requesting for the funding
- Collaboration and/or sharing information with other student association is a pre

**Procedure of approval**

- Proposals can be submitted via the website of Tigeak
- There is no restriction in period of submitting the claims, open all year
- Proposals will be discussed within the Tigeak board
- Decisions towards the claims will be given in 3 weeks via e-mail towards the submitter