

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.

Definition of Sustainability

Sustainability consists of fulfilling the needs of current generations without compromising the needs of future generations while ensuring a balance between economic growth, environmental care, and social well-being.

Rules for a Sustainability Subsidy

- Your subsidy application helps implement a positive change
- your subsidy is more likely to be accepted if it has a high impact compared to the investment
- you prove why the change you are making is sustainable
- you provide a clear calculation of the money needed.

Tips

When creating your subsidy application, carefully consider the Rules 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 a 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. The difference between the sustainability fund and the stimulation fund is as follows: The sustainability fund focuses on structural improvements to your association over a longer span of time, whereas the stimulation fund focuses more on projects.
- 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 Requirements

- Proposals can be submitted by student, sport and study associations
- A 'business plan' must be made in which the association clearly states:
 - 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.
 - 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>

- What the costs will be and what part of the cost subsidy will be applied for.
- 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 email towards the submitter

Workshop

The Sustainability Factory will soon offer a workshop “How do you make your association sustainable?” to all interested student directors/associations, where the sustainability checklist will also be discussed.