CSU Club Funding Policies Detailed Report

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Basic Funding Processes

Two types:

- Annual budget allocation
 - Student clubs and organizations submit a detailed funding proposal for all events occurring during the following academic year.
 - Proposals are due the spring term prior to the following academic year.
 - Similar to how CSULA ASI allocated funding to external university support areas and departments.
 - 4 campuses operate solely on this process (CSU Channel Islands, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Long Beach, and Cal Poly Pomona)
- Weekly event allocations
 - Student clubs and organizations submit detailed funding proposals throughout the year prior to their event.
 - CSULA ASI's current funding process.
- CSU Fresno and Humboldt State offer both annual budget allocations and weekly event allocations for club funding.

Annual Funding Cap

- Average annual funding cap is \$3,318 (excluding schools with no stated caps)
 - Smallest annual funding cap is \$800 (CSU Stanislaus)
 - Largest annual funding cap is \$6,300 (CSU San Bernardino)
 - \circ CSULA ASI annual funding cap is the second largest at \$6,000
- 6 campuses have no stated annual funding caps for clubs and organizations.

Deadlines to Submit a Funding Proposal

- Average number is 22.7 days (3.2 weeks)
 - Shortest number is 10 days (CSU Stanislaus)
 - Longest number is 42 days (7 weeks) (SFSU)
- The 4 campuses that operate based on annual budget allocations requires clubs to submit proposals for all of their events during the year the spring term prior.

Form Submission

- Clubs and organizations are able to submit their funding requests either through paper/in-person or online.
- 6 campuses require in-person submissions.
 - Including CSULA ASI.
- 11 campuses require submission through an online form.

• 5 campuses allow submission through both avenues.

Funding Principles

Ensuring that events are open and accessible to <u>all</u> students.

Events must be held on-campus to be eligible for ASI funding

- 11 campuses only fund events that are held on-campus.
 - CSU Fullerton and CSU Long Beach policies state that exceptions may be made at the discretion of the ASI committee.
- 12 campuses fund both on- and off-campus events.
 - Including CSULA ASI.

Events must be free of charge to all students and not seek to make a profit

- 11 campuses only fund events that do not make a profit.
 - CSU Dominguez policy states that exceptions may be made.
 - CSU Fresno policy states that preference is given towards not-for-profit events.
- 12 campuses fund events that seek to make a profit.
 - Including CSULA ASI

Banquets and Ceremonies

- 15 campuses offer funding for banquets and ceremonies.
 - Including CSULA ASI.
- 8 campuses do not allow funding for banquets and ceremonies.

ADA compliance

- A number of campuses require that clubs and organizations include a message stating ADA compliance and accessibility on their event flyers.
- Some campuses offer funding for interpreters to enhance accessibility.

Sustainability

• SDSU in particular emphasizes sustainability and requires clubs and organizations to state how they "Think Green" in their events in the funding proposal.

Alternative Funding Sources

- Many campuses encourage clubs to pursue alternative funding sources and not view ASI club funding as a way to fund 100% of club operations.
- As such, these campuses require clubs and organizations to describe how much effort they've put towards fundraising for an event in the funding request.
- In addition, 4 campuses require that clubs and organizations be responsible for securing funds for 10-50% of the total cost of their funding request (CSU Bakersfield 10%, CSU Long Beach 30%, Cal Poly Pomona 20%, Cal Poly SLO 50%).

Travel

- 15 campuses offer funding for student club and organization travel.
 - Including CSULA ASI.
 - 6 campuses have a separate line item and funding process for travel.
- 8 campuses do not offer funding for student club and organization travel.