



SUSTAINABILITY
ACTION FUND

Key Progress Indicators

2021- 2022

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Introduction

Throughout the 2021-2022 Concordia Calendar year, we at the Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) funded **5** Living Labs projects, **32** Special Projects and **14** Sustainability Research Awards! In Addition, this year SAF allocated the greatest amount of funds to date, with a **\$193,679.95** budget.



SAF Funded Projects from June 2021 – May 2022

WCC- Sustainable Shipment Boxes	\$308.00
ICOP Social Business Case Competition	\$500.00
Sustained Attention Exhibition	\$500.00
Bilingualism at a crossroad	\$600.00
Hydroponic Capstone	\$627.00
Compost Club Concordia	\$660.00
Ocean Waste Recovery Capstone	\$800.00
Hamidou Horticulture	\$1,000.00
Unsettling Event Series	\$1,220.95
Reform Canada's Temporary Foreign Workers Program	\$1,250.00
Generation All: Re imagining Montreal	\$1,250.00
Re imagining Safety in our communities (Defund Panel)	\$1,400.00
JMAS Tax Clinic	\$2,000.00
Mango Lemon Soda	\$2,000.00
Ratgirl	\$2,000.00
Waste Invaders	\$2,400.00
Healing Through Art Days - Black Healing Centre	\$2,500.00
School Schmool	\$3,000.00
Concordia Film Festival 49th Edition	\$3,000.00
Policy Advisor - Woodnote Solidarity Cooperative	\$3,500.00
Living Labs: Engaging Solarity: Taking Solar Media Mobile	\$4,956.00
I want my LGBTV	\$5,000.00
Woodnote Revitalization	\$5,060.00
Peer Support and Advocacy Program- Centre for Gender Advocacy	\$5,240.00

Living Labs: EDML Library of Parts	\$5,390.00
Student Leadership Conference - Garnet Key Society	\$6,000.00
Greenhouse Microgreens Program	\$6,440.00
Living Labs: Co-op CultivAction Urban Agriculture School	\$6,950.00
Th3rd Place	\$9,000.00
STAIN Lab	\$10,000.00
Buckskin Babes – Urban Moose Hide Tanning Camp Fall 2021	\$10,000.00
DINAH's Healing	\$10,000.00
Buckskin Babes - Collective Capacity Building	\$10,000.00
Films Across Canada	\$11,000.00
Living Labs: Mind.Heart.Mouth	\$14,120.00
Free Menstrual Products Distribution	\$15,000.00
Living Labs: Solvent Recovery Initiative	\$29,000.00
Total:	\$193,672.95

Engagement Metrics

We funded opportunities for **292 artists** to showcase their sustainable work and **55%** of those artists identify as QTBIPOC

We funded additional sustainable learning opportunities for **248 students** who each received course related benefits.

We funded sustainable opportunities for **150 volunteers** who spent **340 hours** on average per project.

2021-2022 Key Event Metrics



During the 2021 – 2022 calendar year,
SAF funded at least 124 events



Which engaged at least 3,837 students



55 faculty members &
84 administration members



202 other Concordia community
members



And engaged at least 4,775 people in
total!



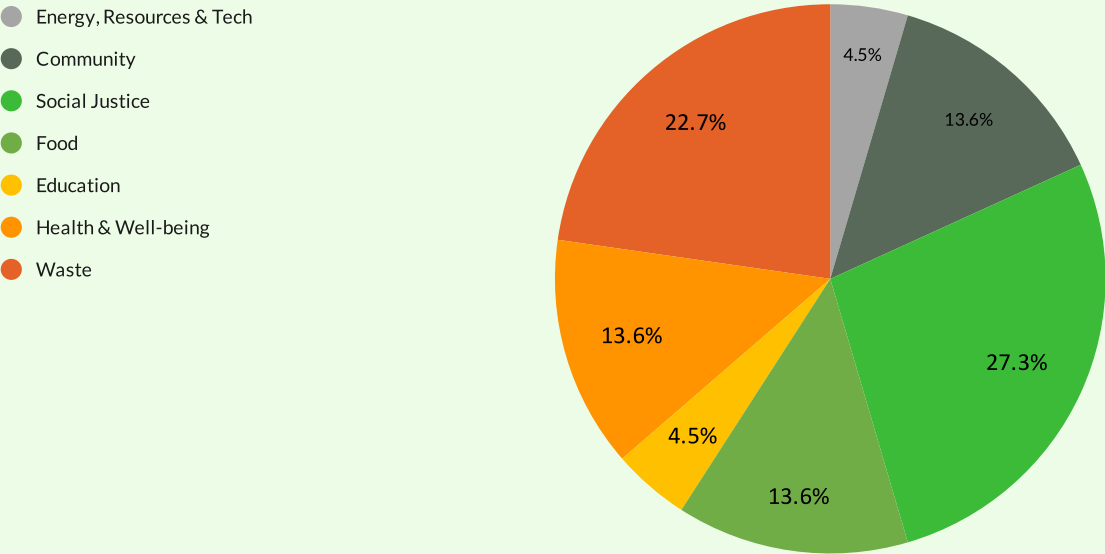
Project events engaged 187 people on
average !

The projects don't all usually finish their final reports in time for the KPI analysis as their project end dates differ. This data is based on the 27 projects who have submitted their final reports out of the 37 total projects before this report was completed.

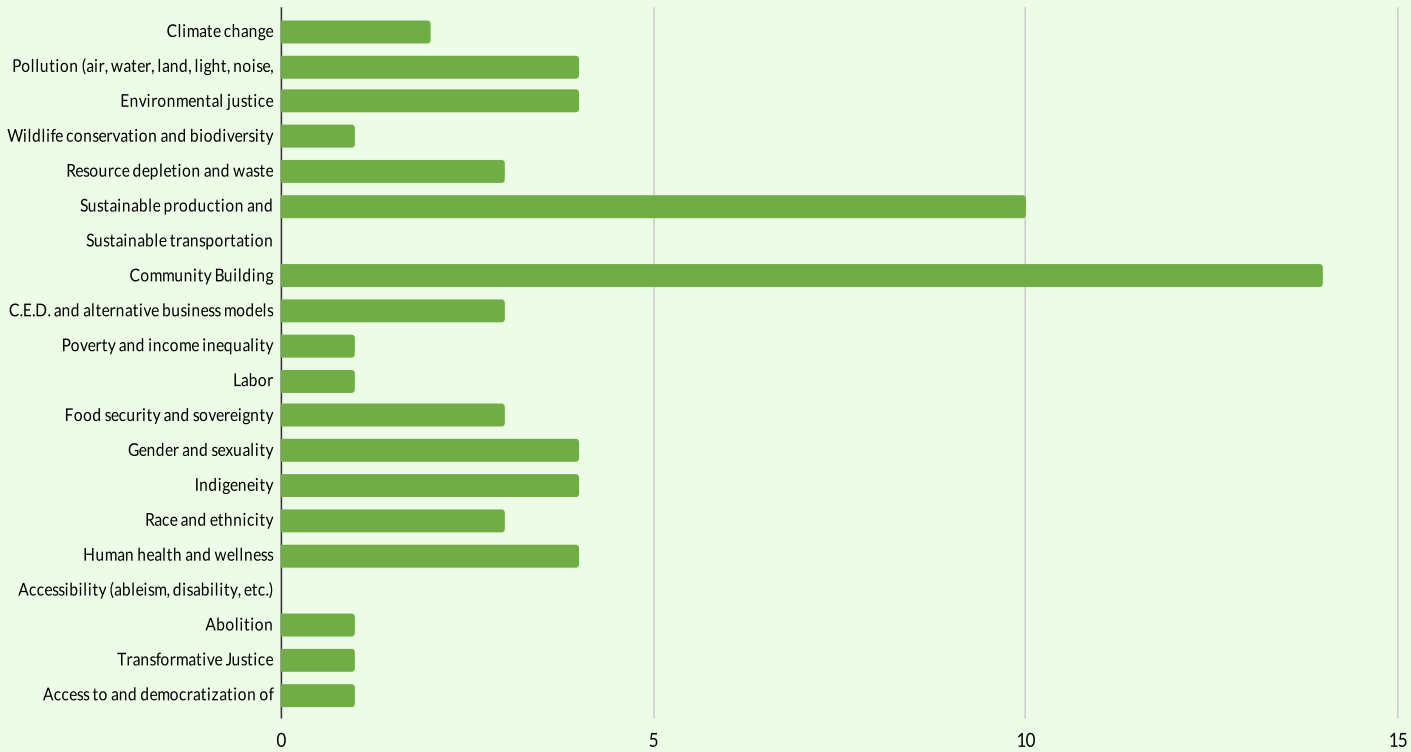
Sustainability Topics and Themes

This year most funded topics were Social Justice and Waste with the most common theme being Community Building

Projects by Sustainability Topics



Sustainability Themes



Food Sustainability



1,026 people
were fed
sustainably
by SAF funded
projects

85% of the food
provided by SAF
funded projects
were sourced
local &/or
organic

Only one SAF
funded project
used plastic and
it was a very
minimal amount

Transportation



- ⚙ 10 SAF funded projects required transportation to execute their goals
- ⚙ Of these projects 1 used trucks to transport equipment
- ⚙ 3 used bikes to commute
- ⚙ 5 used cars to transport knowledge keepers as well as food and materials
- ⚙ 3 used public transport
- ⚙ And none flew via air travel

Biodiversity

Through the Calendar year, SAF funded 5 projects that had interactive components with native flora and fauna species. These projects include Buckskin Babes Urban Moose Hide Tanning Camp Fall 2021, Co-op CultivAction Urban Agriculture School and Films Across Canada, among others.

These projects were collectively able to expose 252 people to local flora species and 215 people to local fauna species.

The native flora species that these projects interacted with include various Indigenous flora, Mycelium, perennial and annual vegetables, berries, tobacco, rose water, sage and sweetgrass, among others.

The native fauna species that these projects interacted with include moose, bees, butterflies, a variety of beneficial and harmful insects and red wiggler worms.



Indigeneity

7

Projects had components or themes that related to Indigeneity

688

People learned about Indigenous cultures or practices

193

People engaged with indigenous land-based learning practices

Projects that had themes and components related to Indigeneity include the Buckskin Babes Urban Moose Hide Tanning Camp Fall 2021, Re Imagining Safety in our communities, Films Across Canada, the Student Leadership Conference by Garnet Key Society, Co-op CultivAction Urban Agriculture School and others. Some of the themes are decolonization, healing, inter-generational knowledge transmission, land-based practices, sovereignty, transformative justice, Indigenous reconciliation, plants knowledge, Cree Worldview, History of Indigenous Dance and Anticolonization in the arts.

Living Labs

During the 2021-2022 calendar year, SAF supported 5 Living Labs (SLLFP) projects. These projects are the EDML Library of Parts, Engaging Solarity: Taking Solar Media Mobile, Co-op CultivAction Urban Agriculture School, Mind.Heart.Mouth and the Solvent Recovery Initiative. Each Living Labs project is required to tackle between one and three of Concordia's Sustainability Action Plan targets. The targets that Living Lab projects are working towards are outlined in the graph below.



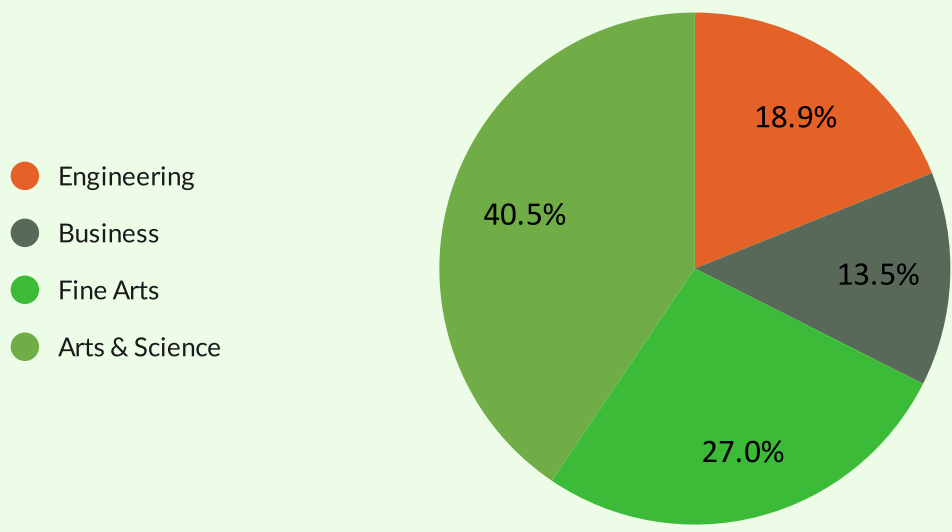
- 1.1 Increase **sourcing of local / sustainable foods** to 50% of total purchases in the summer and fall and 40%
- 1.2 Recognize and reinforce the **role of urban agriculture** in advancing hands on learning, **placemaking**, and beneficial social impacts
- 1.4 Reduce **food waste** and contribute to **food security** in our community
- 1.6 Create an **environment where community members can learn about food**, from seed to plate, and offer students hands-on learning opportunities through projects that improve the campus food system
- 2.2 Continue to support and expand **reuse initiatives** and create **procurement policies & procedures** favoring waste reduction and reuse
- 4.1 Promote and enhance Concordia **research to enrich local, Canadian, and International communities**
- 4.2 Monitor and reduce the **ecological footprint of research, dissemination, and related activities** conducted on and off campus

- 2.1 Go beyond best practices and further improve our waste reduction and diversion performance as well as foster an **innovative curriculum** and research-integrated program
- 2.3 Bring waste performance to a competitive level, based on comparison with top-performing universities, by continuing to **implement best practice initiatives**

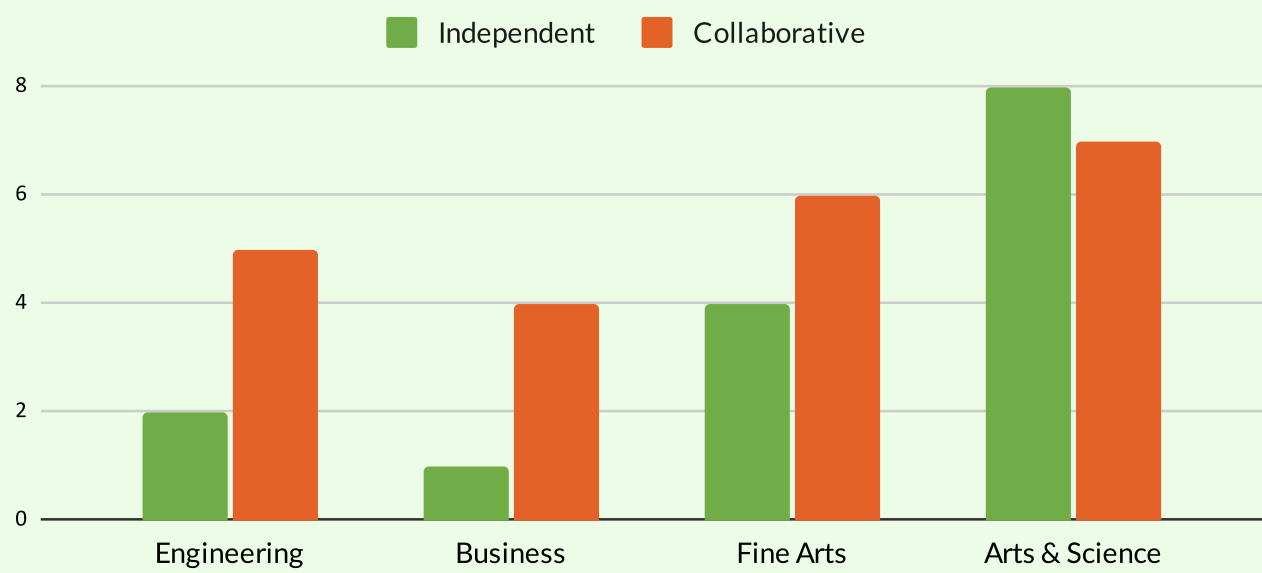
Projects Funded by Faculty

The most funded faculty in the 2021-2022 calendar year is the FAS (Arts and Science), following the trend in the past few years as FAS has the largest student population, apart from last year which saw the FFA (Fine Arts) as the most funded faculty.

SAF Funded Projects by Faculty

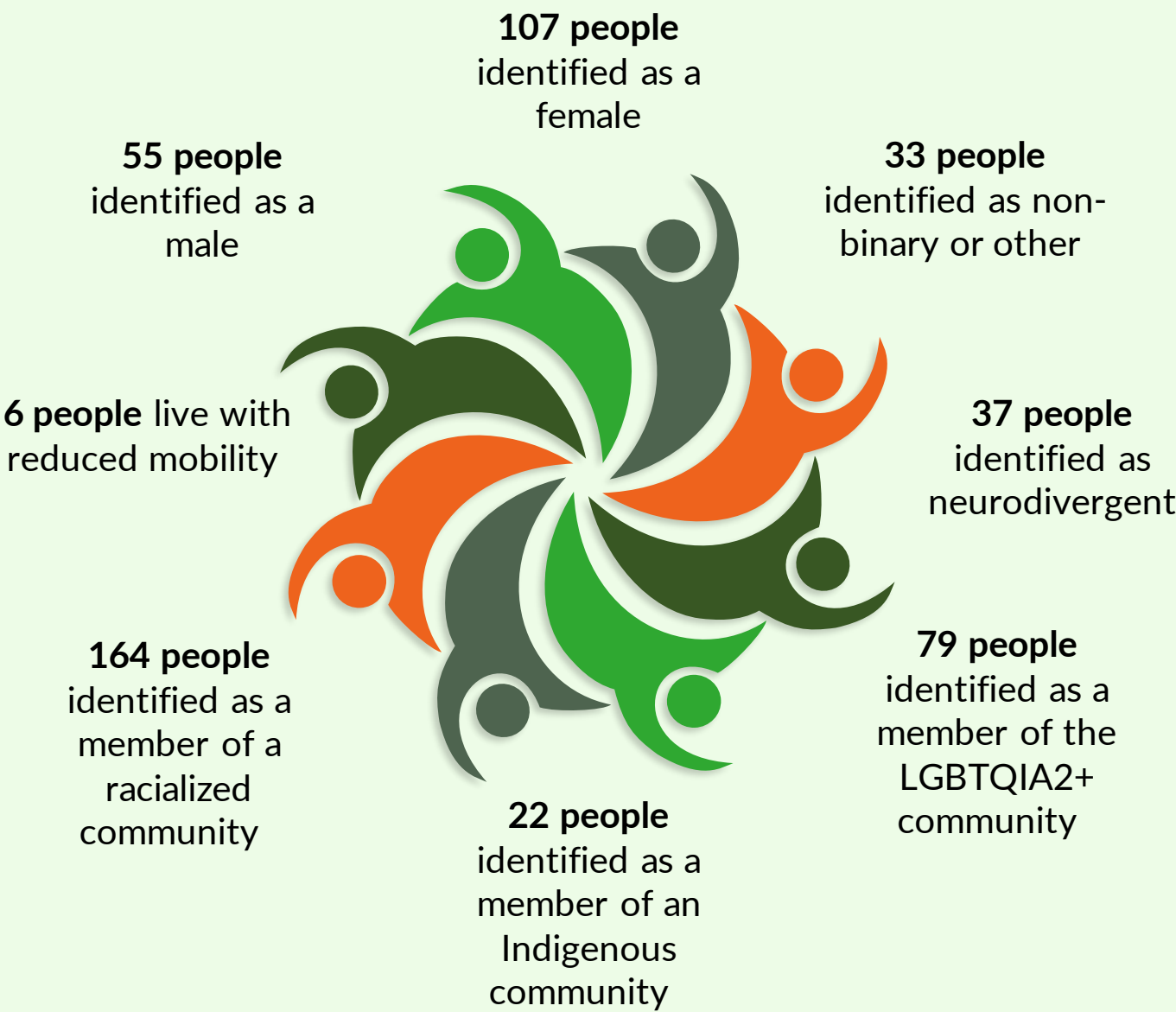


Faculty Collaboration on Projects



All faculties have shown collaboration this year, with Arts & Science (FAS) and Fine Arts (FFA) having slightly higher collaboration than Business (JMSB) and Engineering (ENG).

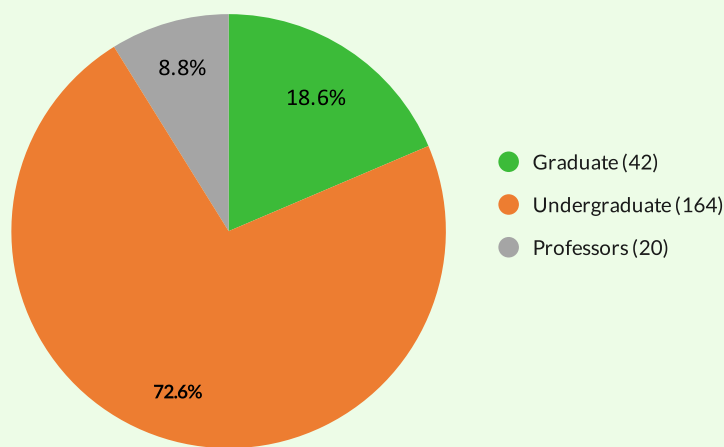
Diversity: In the 2021-2022, 321 people worked on SAF funded projects! Of these individuals:



The purpose of this section is to gauge the diversity levels of SAF’s funding and address any diversity and accessibility gaps that may exist, to assure that we are operating in accordance with our strategic directions. As the diversity section of SAF’s Final Report is optional, it is possible that the numbers above are higher than indicated.

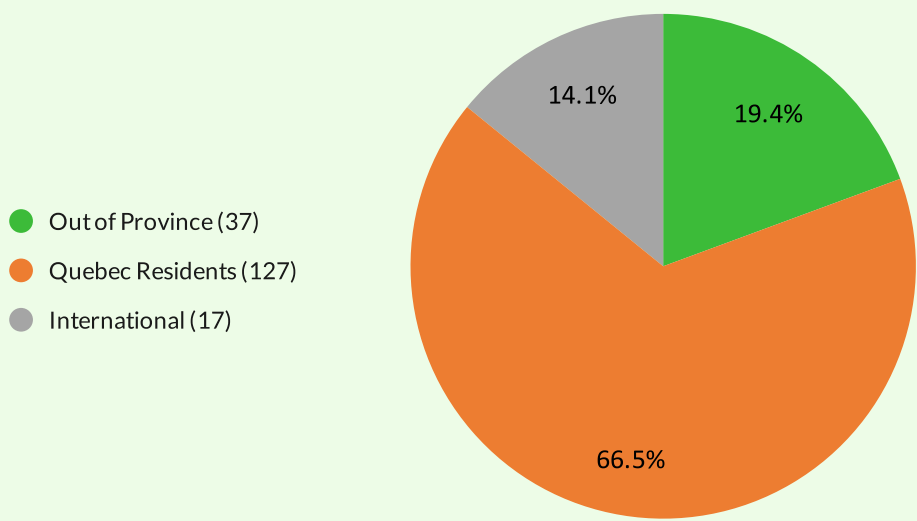
Concordia based Project Creators

Individuals who Worked on SAF Funded Projects



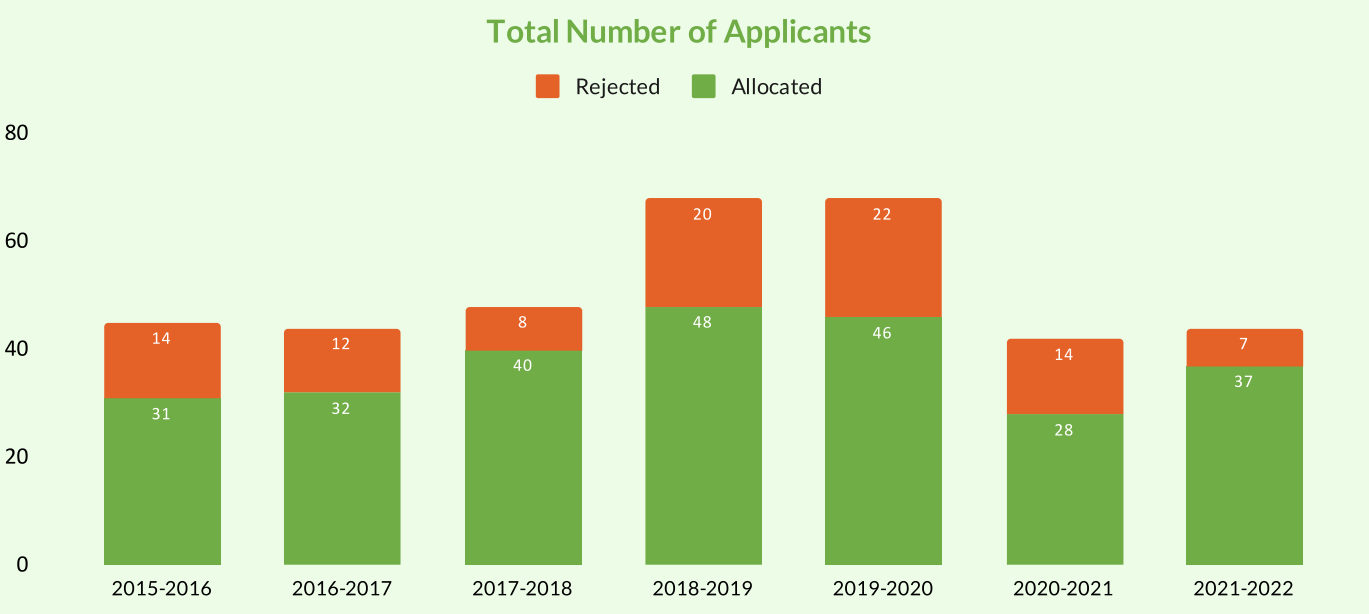
Most individuals who are working on SAF funded projects are undergraduate students.

Students who Worked on SAF Funded Projects

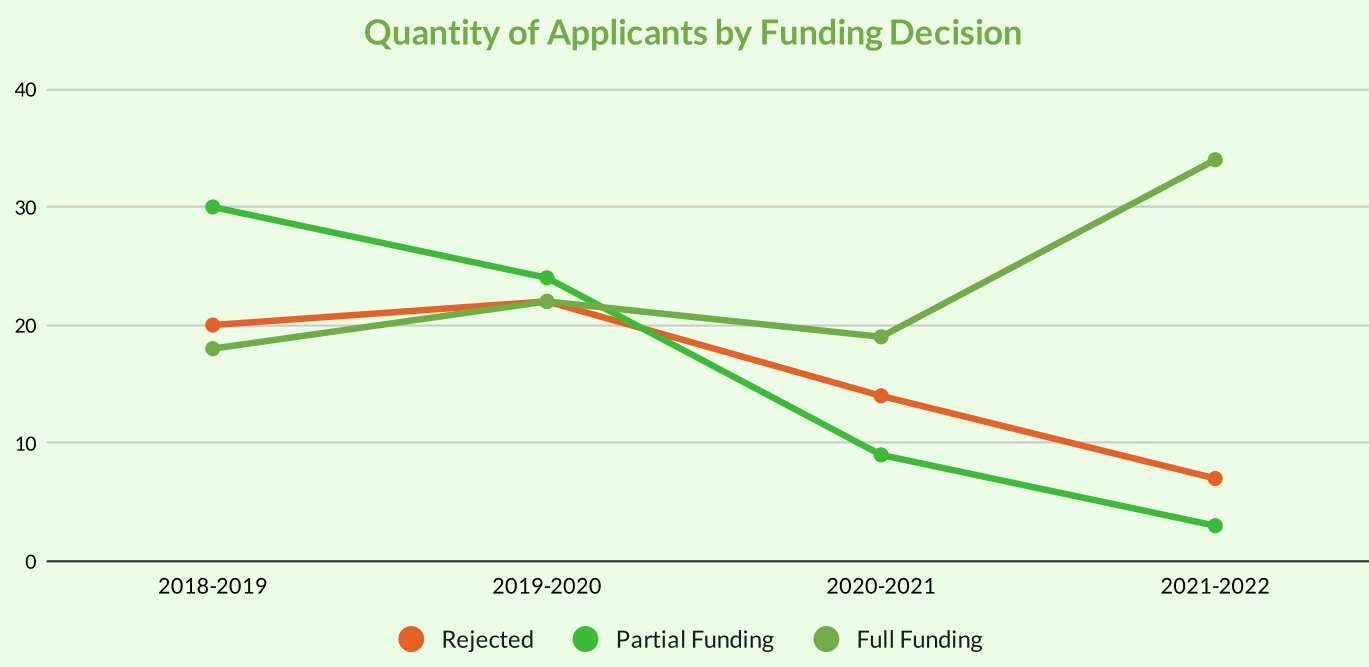


Most students who are working on SAF funded projects are Quebec residents.

Multi-Year Application Metrics



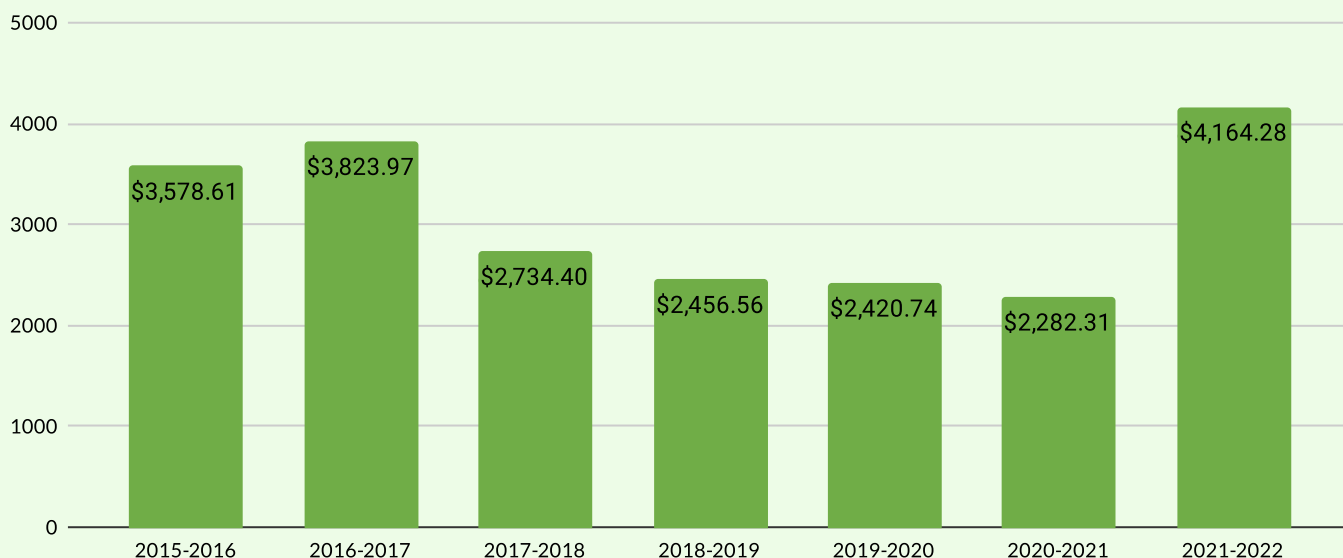
This year saw an increase in funded projects by 75.6% as compared to last year.



This graph shows how many project applications the Board of Directors decided to either reject, partially fund or fully fund. Our Board of Directors fully funded significantly more applications than partially funded.

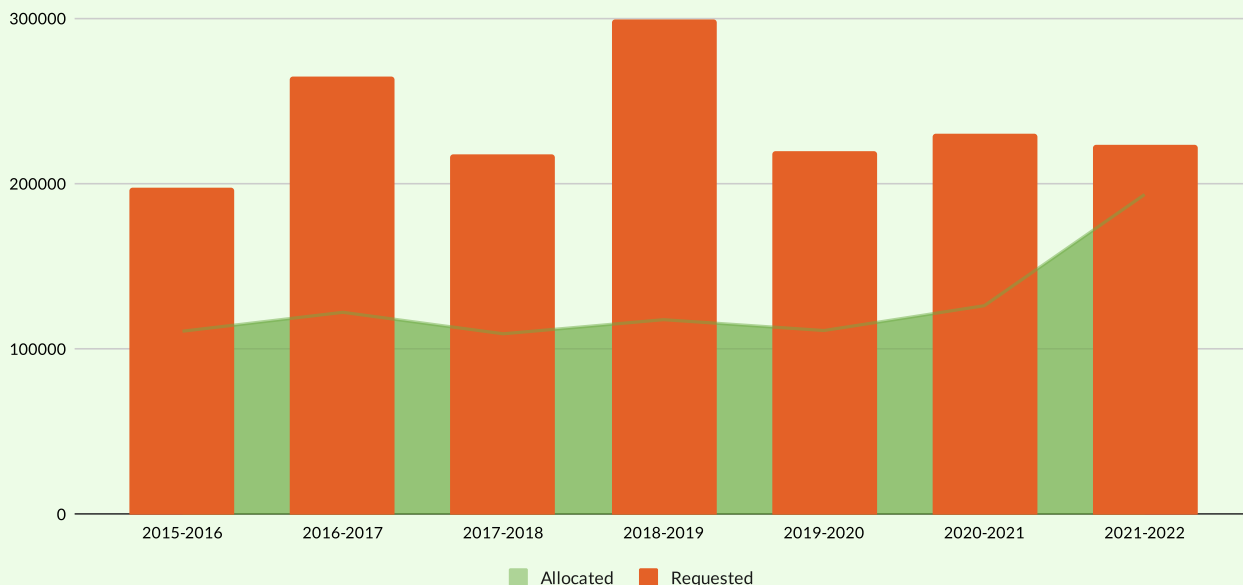
Multi-Year Funding Metrics

Average Amount Funded per Special Project



When we exclude the Living Lab projects, the average amount funded per project has increased to almost double from last year. Including the Living Lab projects our average amount funded per project is skewed and jumps up to \$5,234.40 per project.

Funding Gap



This year we received a total of 44 applications, only 2 more from last year, however; the funding gap between the total amount requested from applicants and the amount we allocated has reached an increase of 86.74%, as compared to last year's 54.81%. In Addition, this year SAF allocated the greatest amount of funds to date, with a \$193,679.95 budget.

Project Participant Testimonials

"Lots of fun for something educational, making it an arcade style game is really engaging as you can just walk right up to it and play without any prior knowledge. Learning is pretty quick too and having all those tips and resources like the sustainability map in one spot is super useful as otherwise I probably never would have seen it on like a poster or something." - Testimony for **Waste Invaders**

"I think more than any other panel, this one has been more of a discussion. they really seem to be having fun with each other 😊" - Testimony for **Generation All: Re imagining Montreal Panel**

"I got involved in this project because I too have struggled with being caught by surprise and with no access to menstrual products on campus. Seeing the kindness of other individuals offering pads or tampons under washroom stalls has inspired me to address the issue within the larger Concordia community. Menstruation can be an inconvenience to many, but it doesn't need to be an additional stress factor." - Testimony for **Free Menstrual Product Distribution**

"I never know what to expect; each experience is super different, and the outcome always surpasses what I think could be. Showing my gratitude. some people think and other people do. The doers are paving a way for those that are in need of a stepping stool. BHC has supported me in ways I didn't know I needed." - Testimony for **Healing Through Art Days** by the Black Healing Centre

"I found working on the set with everyone to be a ton of fun. There was a strong sense of community and realizing a project together with other members of the queer community felt very empowering. I'm excited to be a part of the next one!" - Hannah Louisy, 24, Studio Arts Undergraduate Student at Concordia, Testimony for **I want my LGBTV**

"The CultivAction course I took with Professor Erik Chevrier and Mohammed Al-Duais this summer was a lifestyle altering and memorable 13 weeks. It allowed me to apply the teachings of the course in a very hands-on stress-free manner. The course material mixed with the dynamic teaching/farming method in which the class was taught, was a refreshing departure from traditional learning and allowed me to learn at my own pace and develop the skills that mattered most to me. I would highly recommend this class to anyone who's looking to get more involved and active in the world of community/urban agriculture." - Sampreet Arneja, Testimony for **Co-op CultivAction Urban Agriculture School**

"The PSA programs was great! I learned a lot and it was often the highlight of my week" - Testimony for the **Peer Support and Advocacy program** by the Centre for Gender Advocacy

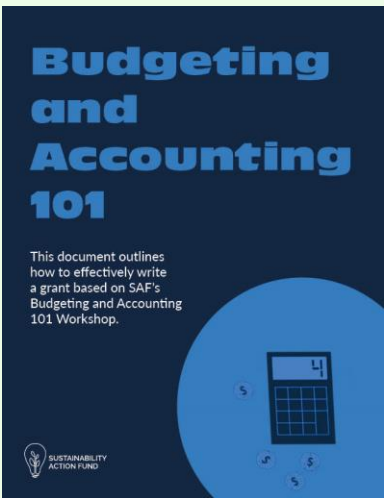
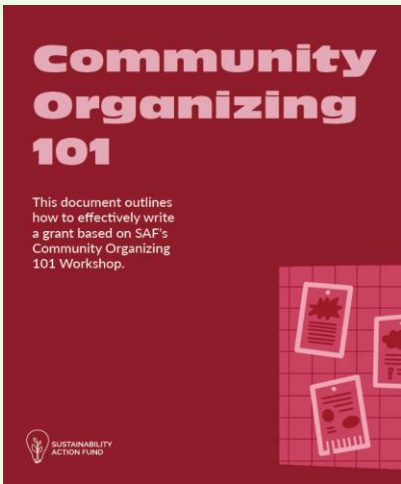
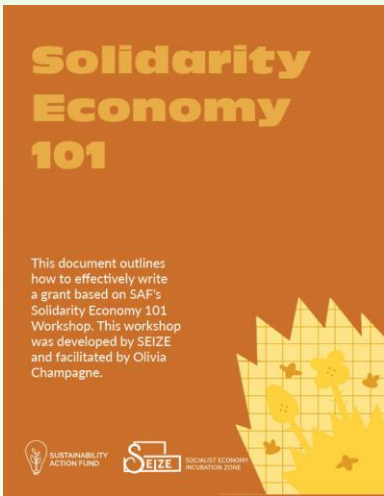
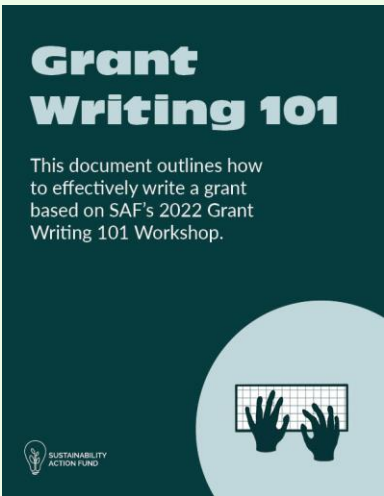
"In the vermicomposting workshop I learned about the history and uses of vermicomposting! The presentation and hands on learning allowed me to understand all aspects of vermicomposting. And the take home pamphlet ensures that I'll remember all the key information! Haley and Catherine both answered questions thoughtfully and led the presentation with poise." - Holly Staples, Testimony for **Vermicomposting 101 workshop**

Workshop Series

To help support our project leaders and the Concordia community at large, SAF organized 5 workshops during the 2021-2022 calendar year.

SAF Organized Workshops	Attendance
Grant writing 101	30
Community Organizing 101	29
Solidarity Economy 101	5
Budgeting and Accounting 101	10
Indigenous Solidarity Best Practices	42
Total	116

Resources from the workshops



- [Grant Writing 101](#)
- [Solidarity Economy 101](#)
- [Community Organizing 101](#)
- [Budgeting and Accounting 101](#)
- [Indigenous Solidarity Best Practices](#)

Conclusion

The 2021-2022 calendar year was another successful year here at the SAF. We have had the privilege and honor to support impactful, diverse and valuable projects led by Concordia students. It is our hope that we continue this path and provide funds to more projects that are fostering and enriching sustainability culture at Concordia and beyond in the face of increasing demands for climate and social justice.

“Twenty-five years ago, people could be excused for not knowing much, or doing much, about climate change. Today we have no excuse.” —
Desmond Tutu