



Student Organization Funding Committee
Central Student Government
Fall 2018 Report

Administration

NAME	POSITION
Anthony Garvey	Head Chair
Crede Strauser	Vice Chair
Taylor Lansey	Vice Chair
Emil Meireles	Vice Chair

Committee Overview

The Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC) is a sub-division of the Central Student Government (CSG) assembly and is responsible for the appropriation of CSG funds dedicated to sponsoring more than 2,400 registered student organizations (RSO). SOFC issues grants and authorizes the transfer of funds into the SOAS account of an RSO on a reimbursement basis. SOFC has nine funding cycles known as waves. Each wave has its own receipt deadline, which falls three weeks after the application deadline for each respective wave. Within one semester, an RSO may apply for funding up to nine times and accumulate up to \$10,000 in total reimbursement.

The funding application review and appeal units of SOFC seat 26 members who comprehensively represent our multi-faceted and diverse campus. SOFC is partitioned into two committees that convene on Sundays to review funding applications. Each committee is responsible for reviewing the appeals of the other in order to maximize perspective and ensure an unbiased review. The administrative board seats four chairs who are responsible for a wide array of front and back-end processes such as annual budgeting and accounting, data modeling and analysis, public relations and communication, and financial consulting. RSO representatives may also visit SOFC Chairs during weekly office hours held in 2405 North Quad.

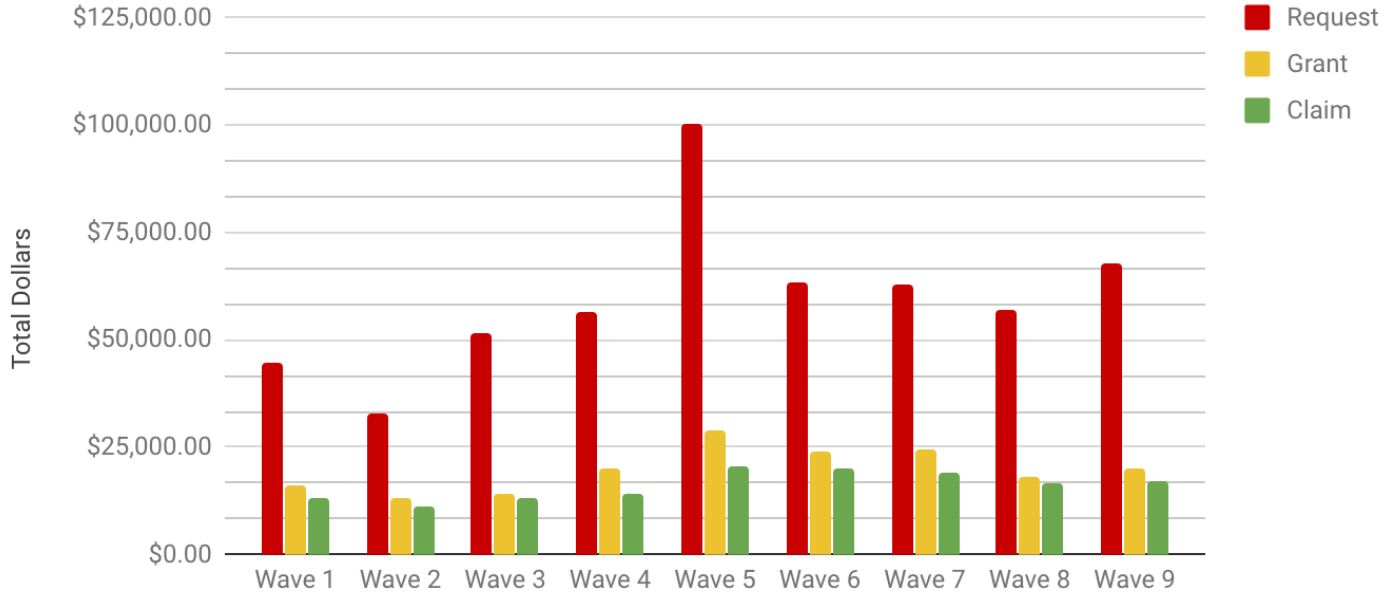
Financial Data

Term	Definition
Request:	Total amount requested from funding application
Award:	Initial sponsorship amount decision
Supplement:	Secondary sponsorship decision in supplement to AWARD
Grant:	Sum of Award and Supplement (total sponsorship)
Claim:	Total reimbursement

Wave	Awards		Appeals	Claims	
	Request	Award	Supplement	Grant	Claim
1	\$44,484.43	\$13,499.00	\$2,660.00	\$16,159.00	\$13,417.85
2	\$32,737.39	\$13,237.82	\$0.00	\$13,237.82	\$11,177.04
3	\$51,704.29	\$14,182.00	\$0.00	\$14,182.00	\$13,086.50
4	\$56,493.69	\$18,256.95	\$2,000.00	\$20,256.95	\$14,128.58
5	\$100,130.57	\$27,664.00	\$1,310.00	\$28,974.00	\$20,596.15
6	\$63,436.54	\$22,354.00	\$1,750.00	\$24,104.00	\$20,291.40
7	\$63,055.70	\$22,788.84	\$1,600.00	\$24,388.84	\$18,896.12
8	\$56,844.42	\$17,767.65	\$120.55	\$17,888.20	\$16,816.41
9	\$67,809.03	\$18,023.62	\$1,850.00	\$19,873.62	\$17,054.18
TOTAL	\$536,696.06	\$167,773.88	\$11,290.55	\$179,064.43	\$145,464.23

Wave	Reviews		Claims	
	Applications	Award	Funded	Claim
1	31	36.33%	25	83.04%
2	23	40.44%	18	84.43%
3	31	27.43%	24	92.28%
4	37	35.86%	32	69.75%
5	50	28.94%	46	71.08%
6	37	38.00%	34	84.18%
7	39	38.68%	39	77.48%
8	33	31.47%	26	94.01%
9	47	29.31%	40	85.81%
Average	36	34.05%	32	82.45%

Funding Dynamics by Wave



Graduate Student Organization Funding

Over the course of the semester, student organizations consisting of graduate students comprised an average of 40.7% of applications. As graduate students account for less than 35.1%¹ of all students on campus, we view this application rate as both a significant improvement upon previous years for graduate student organizations, as well as an acceptable application rate for graduate student organizations. During the winter semester, SOFC will be conducting additional outreach to our graduate student colleagues in order to maintain their awareness of SOFC resources.

¹ The combined graduate and professional student enrollment can be found at <https://ro.umich.edu/reports/enrollment>

Conclusion

Funding application quantity and request volumes in the first three waves were relatively lower than anticipated. This result is in part explained by turnaround in RSO leadership (i.e. presidents, treasurers, etc.), who may not be as familiar with funding opportunities from SOFC. Additionally, RSOs often take time in the beginning of the fall semester to plan events that would warrant a funding application.

Over the semester, SOFC supported 154 student organizations, which represents more than 11% of active student organizations on the Ann Arbor campus. The average portion of requested funds that was granted over the course of the semester was 34.05%. The reach of SOFC in providing financial resources for student organizations is an encouraging sign. SOFC has become increasingly important in helping to facilitate student organization work and this demand is expected to rise in future semesters because of the unique challenges and new costs borne by student organizations in response to university projects such as the closure of the Michigan Union and increasing costs. The Fall 2018 rollover of \$64,704.77 will enable SOFC to account for a historically large winter demand predicted by Winter 2018 data.