

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FIFTY-FIRST SENATE  
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**BILL #5117  
Supporting the Growing Food Security Project**

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SPONSORED BY: Kevin Clark, Parliamentarian, ASCSU; Bailey Shepherd, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Alex Silverhart, Chair of Budgetary Affairs

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ENDORSED BY: Ariadne Athey, Senator, Student Disability Center, Chair, Internal Affairs Committee; Merry Gebretsadik, Vice President, ASCSU; Ben Torres-Doxey, Recruitment and Retention Officer, ASCSU; Elijah Sandoval, Senator, First Generation Collective Board; Noah Burge, Senator, College of Business; Sanskar Vyas, Deputy Director of International Affairs; Rob Long, Senator, College of Business; Charlie Williamson, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Anya Kaplan-Hartnett, Director of Governmental Affairs, ASCSU; University Affairs Committee

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ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to allocate \$30,000.00 over the course of three years, in \$10,000.00 per year increments, to the Growing Food Security project to ensure they can continue and further expand their operations.

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**WHEREAS**

“The Growing Food Security (GFS) project was created with the intention to promote food security through horticultural education using hands-on experience in the establishment, maintenance, and distribution of freshly grown produce. The program was started by graduate students, for graduate students, and has since expanded to include all CSU students, faculty, and staff. GFS has grown alongside the Rams Against Hunger program and pantry;” and,

**WHEREAS**

“GFS is a 100% volunteer-based effort. Participation from all departments is welcome as we aim to strengthen the connection and knowledge base between our community and the food we consume. The opportunities provided by this program afford students, faculty and staff a new

understanding of the food system - from production to harvest to transportation to consumption - that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. This knowledge and understanding of our current food system will empower individuals to provide for themselves and their communities into the future;" and,

**WHEREAS**

The GFS project has developed in tandem with Rams Against Hunger and their operations, growing food for RAH, feeding CSU students, staff, and faculty since 2020. In 2020, they donated about ~2,500 pounds of food, including watermelon, tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers; in 2021 they donated ~6,200 pounds of food, including summer squash, zucchini, tomatoes, carrots, chilis, and other veggies; and,

**WHEREAS**

Currently, the GFS project can only grow produce during certain times of the year, requiring them to load up all their efforts during those specific seasons. While they make it work, they often are faced with excess food waste and a lack of space to spread their grow season out over the whole school year; and,

**WHEREAS**

CSU students deserve access to affordable (free in this case) and healthy foods, especially veggies and fruits which were the main foods requested by students in the 2020-2021 school year as reported from a survey that was distributed to ASCSU internally over the 2020-2021 school year; so,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED**

That ASCSU allocate \$30,000.00 from the ASCSU Senate General Discretionary budget to the Growing Food Security project in increments of \$10,000 per year through the 2023-2024 school year to fund the budget items outlined below:

Growing Food Security Annual Budget (FY 2022-2024)					
BUDGET	Quantity	Units (Quantity)	Price	Notes	Cost
<b>Seeds</b>					
High yield, certified and hybrid seed	100	seed packets	\$5	open field and greenhouse	\$500
<b>Greenhouse space</b>					
Bench space (Plant Growth Facility)	12	months	\$60	\$60 per half bench	\$720
Substrates media	30	cubic yards	\$10		\$300
Plastic trays	100	trays	\$2		\$200
Liquid fertilizer	5	gallons	\$10		\$50
Hydroponic greenhouse space - Horticulture Center	4	months	\$150	One unit for leafy greens	\$600
<b>Field prep</b>					
Irrigation expenses	15	hours	\$50	Specialty Crops Program	\$750
Plastic Row Cover	1	roll	\$250		\$250
Soil Prep	2	Hours	\$50	Specialty Crops Program	\$100
Site Maintenance	6	Hours	\$50	Specialty Crops Program	\$300
<b>Transplanting</b>					
Work Gloves	30	Gloves	\$10		\$300
Garden Tools	10	Tool sets	\$50		\$500
Flags, Twine, misc	1	Misc	\$250		\$250
Fertilizer	4	Bags	\$50		\$200
Pesticide	5	Gallons	\$80		\$400
<b>Harvest</b>					
Containers for transportation	20	Containers	\$10		\$200
Harvest Bins	50	Bins	\$10		\$500
Greenhouse harvest bins	15	Bins	\$20		\$300
<b>Events</b>					
Print Material	3	Events	\$100		\$300
Tables	6	Tables	\$50		\$300
Shade Canopy	2	Canopies	\$50		\$100
Discretionary (gas, truck rental, bags, decorations, etc)	1		\$2,880		\$2,880
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$10,000</b>

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Growing Food Security team will present a yearly report to ASCSU Senate, outlining progress made within the project, including how the money supported their efforts and how those efforts supported students. This report will be facilitated by the Food Security Specialist in ASCSU, or Director of Health if there is no Food Security Specialist; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Food Security Specialist and/or Director of Health will work with the Growing Food Security team in the 2024-2025 school year to determine whether more financial support is necessary; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Michael Buttram, Basic Needs Coordinator, CSU; President Joyce McConnell, CSU; Chancellor Tony Frank, CSU Systems; Hugo Pantigoso-Guevara, GFS; Savannah Hobbs, GFS; Sean Stokes, GFS; Thomas Hickey, GFS; Dr. Eduardo Gutierrez-Rodriguez, GFS; Julia Dickey, Food Security Specialist, ASCSU; Alejandra Quesada-Stoner, Director of Health; Christian Dykson, President, ASCSU

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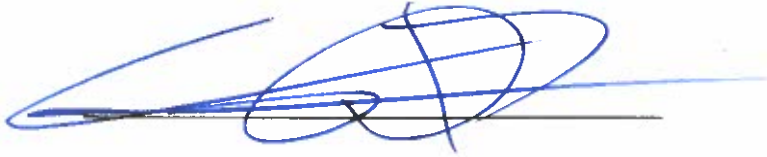
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April 8, 2022

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