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To whom it may concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I confirm The New School Green Fund meets the criteria for a STARS Innovation credit.

In Spring 2010, Facilities Management dedicated operational funds to launch The New School Green Fund. This annual initiative intends to increase community involvement in the sustainability efforts of The Office for Sustainability, Facilities Management. There are two types of funding: Projects that address the university's environmental impacts and seed grants that fund faculty and student sustainability research. Every year, as much as \$50,000 will be available for students, faculty, and staff proposals.

The Green Fund is already becoming a popular forum for the study of and participation in sustainability on campus. In its first year, The Green Fund received 20 proposals; in its second year, it received 33. The most recent round of funding in December 2010 supported four research seed grants and eight projects. Among them include:

- The creation of the Parsons Green Supply Center, a pilot program at Sheila C. Johnson Design Center that collects scrap material to be reused in art and design projects
- Student-run gardens at Loeb Hall and the 20th Street Residences
- Researching low- and non-toxic printmaking options at Parsons The New School for Design
- Building Information Modeling for The New School's Solar Decathlon 2011 team

The Green Fund Committee is comprised of faculty, staff, and students who review all proposals; and the Office for Sustainability oversees the committee. Every year, the committee hosts The Green Fund Presentations event, at which awardees present their projects and research to the public. These presentations then are added to the online Green Fund Library Archive. The hope is that this library will grow into a resourceful and broad sustainability database.

Sincerely,



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