PURPOSE
The Residential Student Initiative Fund is a resource that promotes the implementation of creative student ideas to advance the overall well-being of the USC community. RSIF empowers residents to start projects for lasting change within the USC residential community. With the support of RSIF, the USC residential community is encouraged to start campaigns about issues they care about in an effort to benefit the college experience.

Each year, monetary funds are designated to the RSIF to financially support USC students new ideas to improve campus life. RSIF supports original student initiatives that maximize benefit to students, have potential for renewability, and create an inclusive learning environment on the USC campus. The application process for RSIF funding will thoroughly examine the advantages and the viability of the proposed initiative. Students will have an opportunity to present their initiative ideas to a committee of the Building Government Presidents who will review the proposal and offer support in the form of approval for funding or suggestions for further development.

ELIGIBILITY
● All applications require one initiative leader. There is no limit to the number of collaborators.
● Any resident living in USC housing may apply.
● All RSIF collaborators must have good academic standings.

HOW TO APPLY
Step 1) APPLICATION. Applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the proposed start date of their initiative. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Application forms can be found on rsg.usc.edu under “Funding,” then “RSIF.”

Step 2) PRESENTATION. Applicants must present their initiative idea to the Building Government Presidents Board within RSG. Within 24 hours of submission of the application,
initiative leaders will receive an email including the presentation date. See the “PRESENTATION” section below for more information.

Step 3) RESULTS. Funding decisions will be made by the Building Government Presidents Board immediately following the presentation. The initiative leader will be notified of the funding decision by the following Wednesday.

PRESENTATION
The presentation should last five minutes and will be presented in front of the Building Presidents. It should include the following content:

1. Purpose of the program
2. An itemized budget
3. Answers to the following questions:
   a. How does this initiative benefit the residential student community?
   b. What is the lasting impact of this initiative for the residential community?
4. OPTIONAL: How can the Building Government Presidents help you with this initiative?

All RSIF leaders must be present, but not all collaborators are required to present. Following each presentation will be a two minute Q&A session.

OTHER GUIDELINES
● No initiatives will be funded past the last day of classes. Initiatives that occur in the following week, also known as “stop days” or “dead week” will likewise not receive TSIF funding.
   ○ Dec 4, 11:59PM is the last day to submit applications for Fall 2015
   ○ Jan 11, 12:00AM is the first day to submit applications for Spring 2016
● All programs must have the RSG logo on all forms of advertising, including flyers, posters, t-shirts, etc. All material must be sent to uscrsg@usc.edu for final approval.
● The following will render an RSIF application ineligible for funding:
   a. Retroactive proposals
   b. Incomplete applications
   c. Refusal to present

For further questions, please contact your Building Government President.

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