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## Green Labs Initiative Expansion

### Context

The SPF Governance Council has approved two (2) green lab projects for SPF funding:

1. SP0240 McGill-Wide Green Labs Initiative
  - a. Six (6) participating labs
  - b. Awarded budget: \$47,338.51
  - c. Expense types: Materials & supplies, communications
2. SP0208 Green Labs Initiative at the Neuro
  - a. One (1) participating lab + engagement activities with additional labs
  - b. Awarded budget: \$11,870.00
  - c. Expense types: Salary, materials & supplies, event costs, promotion/communications

### Request

The SPF Staff requests an envelope of **\$50,000.00** from the SPF to continue expanding the work done in SP0208 and SP0240 in other labs across McGill. The Green Labs Initiative Expansion would be structured as such:

- Application Process: Labs wishing to participate in the Green Labs Initiative Expansion will complete a fast-track application specifically made for the Green Labs Initiative Expansion.
  - a. The application requires labs to demonstrate certain criteria. Criteria to be created with the support of SP0240's team lead and approved by Casey Cohen, SPF Governance Council member.
- Finances: All expenses for the Green Labs Initiative Expansion will be coded to the same SPOXXX Activity Code.
- Reporting: All participating labs will be required to complete a Final Report.
- Communication: MOOS will lead all communication of the project (articles, photos, etc.).

Currently, two (2) labs are already interested in applying for Green Labs funding. We estimate labs will request between 3K-5K each to participate in the expansion. Thus, we anticipate **10-12 labs** across McGill will benefit from this expansion.

### Additional Considerations

- A. Having SPF Staff coordinate the expansion relieves pressure from students (specifically, the SP0240 team lead) receiving requests from McGill labs looking to join the Green Labs Initiative.
- B. Discussions are underway around creating a McGill Green Lab Certification program. This project may inform such a program by highlighting actions labs can take to be more sustainable.
- C. With a well-designed communications strategy, the project has great potential for transforming lab practices across McGill's campuses. For example, discussions are already underway for a Big Wave application to target high-level sustainability issues in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science facilities.