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Part A – Contact Information

1. Name of Group as it should appear on the Ballot
 - a. The AMS Food Bank
2. Campaign Manager Information
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Part B – Group Description

The AMS Food Bank is an anonymous, confidential service for students in the Queen's community experiencing food insecurity. It has gradually been undergoing a period of growth, particularly in light of the AMS student fee increase during the 2016-2017 academic year. Quantifiable growth has been most evident in the increased stock of the center, with a greater ability to meet patron's specific food requests and restock in a timely and efficient manner. The student fee has also allowed us to budget for tools and materials that otherwise were not possible, such as extra storage space and community garden materials. Increased focus on outreach projects and community collaboration efforts has also been at the forefront of growth efforts. Lastly, this year particularly, funding has gone to Indigenizing efforts in the space by commissioning an Indigenous artist in the community for a mural to be showcased in the center.

Ultimately, the goal of the Food Bank is to allow students access to food, as food security is one of the main concerns University administrators have in regard to their ability to care for their student populations. In future, we hope to continue to expand the scope of what the Food Bank is capable of doing and we would very much like the SGPS to be a partner in that. Mainly, the student fee is used to purchase food, increase storage, create an inviting atmosphere, as well as initiatives such as free community dinners and the subsidization of projects such as the Good Food Box Program. Our aim is always to budget to 0, any fluctuating on an annual basis have to do with how many donations we receive versus how much food we pay for.

Part C – Budgetary Breakdown

Please see attached PDF

Part D – Student Fee Questionnaire

1. Why is your group seeking a fee?

The AMS Food Bank is a service run through the Social Issues Commission that offers patrons a confidential food service in a comfortable and supportive environment. The Food Bank is open to all Queen's students who experience difficulties purchasing food on a regular basis. Given the rising costs of living, education, and associated costs, the Food Bank is an invaluable service committed to ensuring that patrons are able to meet their basic costs of living while engaged in post-secondary education. Furthermore, in line with the Hungry for Knowledge Report by Meal Exchange Canada which found that approximately 40% of university students in Canada face food insecurity, it is estimated that a large portion of the Queen's community is in need of assistance. The Food Bank serves as the main support service for many students on-campus, and the increase of the fee is pivotal to its ability to operate and provide adequate service to those that need it.

2. What direct benefit will SGPS members derive from granting your group a fee?

SGPS members are consistently a group that regularly uses the Foodbank, given the demands of post-graduate degrees, especially on individuals with families. Further to that, SGPS students are able to volunteer at the centre and give back to the Queen's community. During the summer of 2018 we had several SGPS volunteers and one carried on into the school year.

3. How is the dollar value of the fee related to the benefit you are proposing to provide?

It will allow for the continued operation of the service, through the purchasing of food and equipment, as well as funding awareness initiatives.

4. When was your group established?

While we were unable to find an exact date from within our archives, we were able to confirm that it has existed since at least 2004 in a similar capacity to what it is now. However, it has changed names and focus over its years in existence.

5. If you have a collected a fee in the past, what initiatives and/or opportunities have you provide the Queen's Community with the collected funds?

Aside from the food available to students, our staff at the Food Bank have initiated the following projects:

- We have improved our electronic intake processes and software for things like food requests and inventory management. This allows us to ensure students get the most out of our Food Bank by helping us meet their needs.
 - o Further to that, we now are able to take in food requests for those with specific dietary needs which allows us to serve more of our student population

- We have increased our hours to make the Food Bank more accessible to patrons, especially those who are also working part time jobs and have long hours of class.
- We have moved to a digital system of patron identities that no longer requires us to record student numbers which increases the confidentiality of our service.
- We introduced community dinners and soup nights to cater towards busy students who are seeking a hot, prepared meal.
- We created the Food4Thought Campaign aimed at raising awareness surrounding food insecurity on campus and the resources available to students through the Food Bank.
- This past academic year, we were able to send our Food Bank manager to the Meal Exchange Program National conference that allowed us to learn about best practices and see how we can improve
- We introduced the Good Food Box Program in conjunction with Kingston Community Health Centres which allows us to have a box ready for patrons that includes produce for \$17, which is a third of the cost of food available at a grocery store. Patrons are also able to customize the contents and size of their box based on their individual needs.

Part E – Signatures from current SGPS members

Please see attached.

Alma Mater Society of Queen's University Incorporated
AMS FOOD BANK
Statement of Earnings
12 Months Ended 4/30/2019

	BUDGET 2019	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2017
Revenue				
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES - A.M.S.	\$ 23,250.48	\$ 27,128.10	\$ 22,838.64	\$ 13,049.58
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES - SGPS	\$ 5,231.16	\$ 5,231.16	\$ 5,205.00	\$ 3,567.27
GRANTS - QUEEN'S	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,116.11
GRANTS AMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ 1,656.61	\$ 120.00	\$ 4,191.80
FUNDRAISING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 30,981.64	\$ 36,515.87	\$ 31,363.64	\$ 27,924.76
Expenses				
ADVERTISING	\$ 625.00	\$ 493.97	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,053.99
FUNDRAISING/EVENT EXPENSES	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 726.72	\$ 801.33	\$ 257.90
PURCHASED FOOD	\$ 16,476.00	\$ 8,021.49	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 11,579.65
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,032.76	\$ 895.00	\$ -
TAXIS / TRAVEL	\$ 680.00	\$ 366.55	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 739.03
TELEPHONE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 335.70
HONOURARIUM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION	\$ 700.00	\$ 134.09	\$ 475.00	\$ 401.59
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE	\$ 2,935.92	\$ 2,935.92	\$ 2,936.00	\$ 2,936.04
SPACE COST RECOVERY	\$ 709.92	\$ 709.92	\$ 710.00	\$ 709.92
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Total Expenses	\$ 32,998.84	\$ 14,421.42	\$ 31,367.33	\$ 18,013.82
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