

Michigan Campus Compact

VENTURE GRANT BUDGET NARRATIVE

The budget narrative sample below accompanied a fully funded Venture Grant proposal.

The geography department will use grant funds to purchase testing supplies for the first year of water data collecting and quality testing in the Bell Branch of the Rouge River watershed. Four sets of nitrates tests, trays, forceps, gloves, waders and sampling nets will be purchased for the teams of students. Two GREEN advanced water quality kits will be purchased for the pilot tests. Thereafter the geography and chemistry departments will replenish these supplies. Students will use the water resistant digital camera in the field to document specific data and monitor the physical features of the Bell Branch site over time. A secondary use of the camera will be to collect photographs for exhibitions and to encourage future student volunteers. Additional funds will be used for refreshments and food for an afternoon or evening Watershed seminar at which the student participants and Friends of the Rouge partners will share data and evaluate service learning.

Match funds include the duplication of instructional materials, the yearly license fee for the GIS software, and round trip mileage expenses. The instructor and service learning coordinator's time on this initiative are also included as in-kind match.