Georgetown University  
Outdoor Education  
GUSA FinApp Appeal  
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**Part A: Introduction**

Outdoor Education (OE) has been fortunate to receive generous GUSA allocations over this years, including this year, to support programming for the Georgetown University community. While the dollars allocated have been spent in numerous ways, generally allocated dollars have gone to OE student training and OE gear. Spending in both of these categories is necessary to ensure safety of GU students who participant – they have well trained guides and properly functioning equipment.

The initial allocation assigned to OE this year will continue to support student training and gear replacement. However, at the current level OE student guides may need to shoulder more of the expenses that are necessary for training. It is for this reason that Outdoor Education is appealing the initial allocated amount of $6,5000.

**Part B: Financials**

* Current funding allocation of $6,500
  + Option 1: $6,500 – guide training
  + Option 2: $6,000 – guide training & $500 – equipment
* Requested adjustment of +**$2,760** – brining our allocated GUSA funding amount to **$9,260**
  + $8,760 – guide training
  + $500 – equipment

**Part C: Impact**

* Option 1 – cost per student   
  (red indicates student financial commitment)
  + WFR $750 -$200 = $550
  + Climbing course $280 - $100 = $180

Total = $730 - $540 (portion of $6,500) = **$190 + $300 = $490**

* Option 2 – cost per student
  + Training costs remain the same.
  + $500 of the $6,500 allocated to gear purchases

Total = $730 - $500 (portion of $6,000) = **$230 + $300 = $530**

* Adjusted funding – adding **$2,760**
  + OE would be in the position to allocated a full $730 to each student thus allowing OE guides to be responsible for covering only the **$300** as noted above.
  + $500 could be used to fund gear replacement costs.

The additional $2,760 from GUSA would allow *students to contribute $300 of what totals $1,030* of training costs. Without this funding, students could be responsible for an additional $190 or $230, depending on whether or not gear is purchased, bringing the total needed contribution from students up into the $500 range.

These new budget numbers have removed the cost of both New Staff Course Supplies and Final Training Trip costs from the equation. As these are run fully by Outdoor Education there may be ways to lessen the costs associated with both trainings. The WFR and climbing trainings costs depends on external suppliers and therefor OE has less leverage to lessen costs.