Budget Request: Diwali Celebration

Diwali, celebrated in October or November each year, is originated as a harvest festival that marks the last harvest of the year. India is an agricultural society where people would seek the divine blessing of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, as they closed accounting books and prayed for success at outset of a new financial year. Indians celebrate with family gatherings, glittering clay lamps, festive fireworks, strings of electric lights, bonfires, flowers, sharing of sweets, and worship to Lakshmi. Some believe that Lakshmi wanders the Earth looking for homes where she will be welcomed. Therefore, people open their doors and windows and light lamps to invite Lakshmi. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is celebrated by most Indians regardless of faith.

Requested Total	$5,263.08
Adjusted Total	$5,651.70
Date Created	Friday, September 20, 2019 11:30:47 AM
Submitted By	Yenyin Loo
Organization	Friends of India
Status	Approved on Friday, October 4, 2019 12:28:18 PM
Process	Events Funding Application - Office of Financial Affairs Board

1 Section, 17 Line Items

Section: Special Events **17 Line Items / $5,651.70**

RSO's can receive no more than $10,000 in funding per academic year for special events and conferences.

Faulkner Performing Arts Center Venue Fees (Expense) Diwali_Invoice-1555-65-65-196.pdf	1 x $1,330.00	$1,330.00
Spoons Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) spoons.PNG	1 x $10.98	[Adjusted] $12.05
Forks Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) forks.PNG	1 x $10.98	[Adjusted] $12.05
Napkins Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) napkins.PNG	2 x $10.98	[Adjusted] $24.10
Cups Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) cups.PNG	2 x $11.38	[Adjusted] $24.98
Label Stickers Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) Color coding for crowd control purposes sticker.PNG	1 x $7.68	[Adjusted] $8.43
Food Handling Gloves Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) Gloves.png	1 x $9.98	[Adjusted] $10.95
Water bottles Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) water v2.PNG	16 x $3.56	[Adjusted] $62.51
Plates Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) plate.PNG	3 x $17.88	[Adjusted] $58.87
Aluminium trays Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) aluminium tray.PNG	1 x $26.48	[Adjusted] $29.06

Fuel burners Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) burner.PNG	2 x $16.48	[Adjusted] $36.17
Henna Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) EPSON477.pdf	10 x $2.49	$24.90
Pani Puri Food Item (Expense) EPSON477.pdf	12 x $4.90	$58.80
Tickets Tickets (Expense)	1 x $50.00	$50.00
Flyers Printed Publicity/Flyers (Expense)	1 x $50.00	$50.00
Tables Miscellaneous Purchases (Expense) Rented from Facilities Management, we have already submitted a request to them but have not gotten a confirmation yet. tables v2.PNG	5 x $6.00	$30.00
Curry Point Catering (Non-Ozark Catering) (Expense) Curry Point_Invoice_1246_FOI_Diwali2019_UofA v2.docx	1 x $3,465.00	[Adjusted] $3,828.83

Additional Information

OFA Standard Questions

Funding Period (when the event is to take place). For example, if an event occurs on October 1st, it would be in Round 1.
Round II: October 26 to the day before Dead Day of Fall semester (December 12)

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Number of Active Members in RSO (current)
- 20

Please state the mission of your organization

- Friends of India strives to help international students and families feel at home as well as provide American students with an opportunity to experience and learn about Indian culture by conducting festivals, events and get together parties. Our goal is to facilitate the transition of students into the US academic community and acclimatize them to the clime and the general foreign setting of the University while giving domestic students occasions to engage in a vibrant culture. The unwavering support and enthusiasm of Faculties, Families in North West Arkansas and students has made the organization successful in its endeavors. We believe continuous support at various levels will offer a positive experience in the lives of our students.

Special Events Questions

Name of Event/Program

- Diwali Celebration

Date of Event/Program

- 11/10/2019

Anticipated number of STUDENT attendees(an estimated range cannot be entered)

- 300

Anticipated number of NON-STUDENT attendees(Please note, funding cannot be used for more than 15 non-students. Tickets must be sold to non-university students. Advisors, faculty, staff and guests count as non-students. An estimated range of attendees is not an accepted response.)

- 15

Event start Time

- 5:30

Event end Time

- 7:30

Event location(room/space confirmation number if applicable)

- Faulkner Performing Arts Center

Name of co-sponsoring groups (if any). Please do not abbreviate names of co-sponsors. Co-Sponsors include other RSOs and University Departments. Even if a group/department/RSO is not contributing financially but is aiding you with your event, you must list them here. If you do not have a co-sponsor, please type N/A.

- N/A

Describe the nature of your co-sponsorship. Again, there co-sponsorship does not have to be financial. (i.e. if a group is helping with the marketing or planning of the event, they would be a co-sponsoring group). If you do not have a co-sponsor, please type N/A,

- N/A

Is the primary purpose of this event/program to recruit new members for your RSO?

No

Description and purpose of event/program and how it relates to your organizations' mission, as well as how the event relates to the RSO Purpose of Funding Mission.

- The event aims to celebrate Diwali, a festival celebrated in South Asia as the celebration of lights. This will help our mission to help international students from South Asia feel at home in another country. In addition, students will be able to make new friends and learn about the South Asian community. The event can also educate those who are interested in the Indian culture by immersing themselves in the biggest event of the year in India. This event relates to the RSO Purpose of Funding Mission as it represents a diverse community of people and collaboration between people with different interests.

How will this event or program bring educational value to the students at the University of Arkansas? Please be very specific.

- Diwali is a well-known festival all over South Asia as the celebration of lights. It is a time of joy in every household. In the Diwali event by Friends of India the students will be able to learn about what different cultures across South Asia do during this time. People will also be able to learn about the various languages not only in India but also in its neighboring countries. For example, people will be able to learn how to write their own name in a language of their own choice like Hindi, Bangla. Through the performances , the audience will gain an insight into the joy people share during the time of Diwali. This is a great opportunity for the University of Arkansas students community to learn about South Asian culture and languages. In addition, the food provided will help students understand the various types of food in South Asian culture during festivals.

How will you advertise this event to attract students beyond your organization. Please note, RSO Weekly HOGSync Message, Newswire, & Campus Calendar listings are MANDATORY for all funded events.

- RSO Weekly HOGSync Message, Newswirre, & Campus Calendar Listings, Housing and Department bulletin board, International Students and Scholars Weekly News, Facebook, Instagram, sharing with other RSOs.

If you are bringing a guest speaker, performer, artist, etc., please provide a short biography. If you are not bringing a guest speaker, please list N/A.

- N/A

Please list email address for your speaker, performer, artist, or other vendor. If you do not have a speaker/performer, please list N/A.

- N/A

What city is your speaker, performer, artist, or other guest coming from? If not applicable, please list N/A.

- N/A

By checking I agree below, I understand that I am not allowed to raise money at any event sponsored by funds received through this application process. This includes student admission fees, requests for donations, selling items at the event, etc. (The only exception is admission fees for non-students. This will be determined by the Office of Financial Affairs Board). Please note if you select "I disagree," your budget will be automatically denied.

I agree

Please type your name below to certify that this form is accurate to your knowledge (this acts as your Officer Signature).

- Yenyin Loo

Application Checklist

Reviewed the Standing Rules for timelines, process, & allowable expenses (found at asg.uark.edu).

Scheduled pre-event consultation with Ali Bontrager for events over $1,000 only

Submitted/Attached required supplemental documentation

Communication about denial or approval of your budget will be done through this Budgeting System. You will no longer receive an e-mail if a comment is made.By checking the "I agree/understand" box below, I understand that it is my responsibility to check the OFA Budgeting System regularly. Please note that as of this time, all responses to comments/questions must be made via email to asgtres@uark.edu. This is a required component of the approval process. Failure to respond to comments, requests for information, or questions will result in denial of my budget.

I agree

I understand

Request History

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:28:18 PM - Kevin Smith
Status: Approved

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:28:09 PM - Kevin Smith
Audience: Requesters And Reviewers "Adjusted prices to include tax"

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:26:57 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Curry Point from $5,263.08 to $3,828.83

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:26:15 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Fuel burners from $5,263.08 to $36.17

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:26:03 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Aluminium trays from $5,263.08 to $29.06

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:25:22 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Plates from $5,263.08 to $58.87

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:24:57 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Plates from $5,263.08 to $29.06

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:24:39 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Water bottles from $5,263.08 to $62.51

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:24:19 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Food Handling Gloves from $5,263.08 to $10.95

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:24:02 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Label Stickers from $5,263.08 to $8.43

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:23:47 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Cups from $5,263.08 to $24.98

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:22:47 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Napkins from $5,263.08 to $24.10

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:22:13 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Forks from $5,263.08 to $12.05

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:21:50 PM - Kevin Smith

Adjusted Spoons from $5,263.08 to $12.05

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:21:05 PM - Kevin Smith
Audience: Requesters And Reviewers "I am pleased to inform you that your budget has been second round approved. Please respond via email to jodyp@uark.edu by Friday @ 4pm with a preferred 15-minute appointment time to pick up your funding packet with Ms. Jody in ARKU A665C on Monday (10/7) or Tuesday (10/8) between 10-4pm. Ms. Jody will confirm your appointment time via email. Funding is approved based on the budget submitted to the committee and the associated dialogue between the Registered Student Organization and the ASG Financial Affairs Board. Once your event and/or conference has been approved for funding, please note that no further changes can be made to the event and/or conference. Please note that communication between your RSO and the Office of Student Activities should be led by students. This includes but is not limited to newswire stories, creating and submitting advertisement/promotional materials, and answering any questions the staff may have. If the amount approved is greater than the amount requested, it is because the board added taxes to it. Please let us know if you have any questions!"

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:20:30 PM - Kevin Smith
Status: Moved Forward to: Final Review

Friday, October 4, 2019 12:20:19 PM - Kevin Smith
Status: Moved Forward to: Appeal Period Budgets

Thursday, October 3, 2019 10:37:30 AM - Jody Preece
Audience: Reviewers "The original budget stated 300/15/35 for attendance. The new budget indicates 300/15. Are they planning to invite community members?"

Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:05:39 PM - Kevin Smith
Status: Moved Forward to: Second Round Review/Old Business

Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:05:29 PM - Kevin Smith
Audience: Requesters And Reviewers "ACTION NEEDED - FIRST ROUND APPROVED I am pleased to inform you that your budget has been first round approved by the ASG Office of Financial Affairs Board. In order to help the board's decision during second round reading please provide:

• An agenda/itinerary for the event
• The exact catering delivery time
The Board makes its final decision next Thursday, so please expect another comment then. If you have any questions please email me at asgtres@uark.edu!"

Thursday, September 26, 2019 5:25:01 PM - Kevin Smith
Status: Moved Forward to: First Round Review/New Business

Saturday, September 21, 2019 2:32:41 PM - Yenyin Loo
Status: Submitted