

Report on IRDF Grant Activities - AILG Annual Dinner – June 11, 2008

The IRDF Grant Committee would like to thank the Board of Allocation and Kevin Milligan of the MIT Controllers Office for their continued stewardship of the IRDF program.

Community Wide Grant Programs

The Board of Allocation and the Grant Committee have periodically created programs which address community wide issues which fall under the IRDF mission statement. The Carbon Monoxide Detection System and Fireplace Conversion were completed this past year. Currently, the IRDF Community Network Upgrade and the Fire Radio Upgrade are under way.

IRDF Community Network Upgrade Project

This spring the IRDF agreed to provide funding for a major network upgrade for all FSILG buildings, putting the FSILGs at the forefront in regards to network infrastructure at MIT. The IRDF Community Network Upgrade Project is now well underway with the initial phase wrapping up and the request for proposals going out within a week. In early July, with the assistance of MIT's IS&T department, the vendor will be determined and work will commence shortly thereafter. The installations will proceed on a first response basis so encourage your house's project contacts to respond quickly. It is anticipated that all work will be concluded by September of 2009. All "base work" is being paid for – in advance – by the IRDF though houses may contract for additional work at their own expense. Please see web.mit.edu/irdf/network for more detailed information.

Fire Radio Program

The conversion to a radio based fire alarm is a related project. A pilot program will be started in July to confirm that the benefits of the change in communication links. The radio will eliminate the need for the dual telephone lines that are currently required. Once the pilot program concludes the remaining FSILGs will be offered the upgrade. Again this work will be paid in advance by the IRDF.

Project Grant Moratorium

The current moratorium on new Project Grants will be resolved by the fall. It is expected that the revised program will require alumni of an organization to gift to the IRDF amounts equal to or greater than, the project grant within a specific time period. New Project Grants will not be accepted for an organization until prior commitments have been satisfied. This will not impact an organization's ability to receive Educational Operating Grants (and associated \$10K educational purchases), or to participate in Community Wide Grants.

Educational Operating Grants (EOGs) - annual

The program continues with a recent batch of 24 EOGs and 7 Project Grant approved. The checks for 17 EOGs and 3 Project Grants went into the mail yesterday, and just these total over \$566,000. Please check with the FCI for the status of any outstanding applications.

Please review the following changes to the EOGs implemented this year:

- The educational percentages increases posted 7/1/07 are now in effect for all houses.
- Faxed signatures are now accepted on EOGs and Project applications.

As a reminder the following changes were implemented last year:

- IRDF EOG applications must be submitted within 6 months of the FSILG's fiscal year end.
- All application revisions must be completed within 9 months of the FSILG's fiscal year end.
- 100% educational expenses must be received and paid for within the fiscal year.

IRDF Desks and IRDF Chairs

The IRDF has now set limits for the cost of two key 100% educational reimbursable furniture items. With the assistance of MIT's Procurement Department, the IRDF, through the FCI, have been able to obtain deeply discounted pricing on the "IRDF desk" and "IRDF chair". Six houses have already ordered these items but there are time restrictions. The orders for desks will be batch ordered with delivery twice a year during work weeks. The IRDF chairs can be ordered at any time through out the year. Please contact the FCI for further assistance.