Organization Funding Guidelines

The following guidelines are taken directly from Section VII, Subsection G of the UCSB GSA Bylaws (revised 6 April 2004).
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1. The GSA Assembly may provide funds for events and activities that enhance graduate student life at UCSB. (GSA Const. art. IV, § B.3). The GSA Assembly shall primarily fund activities organized by graduate students but may also sponsor activities on campus that benefit the graduate student community.
2. Priorities for Funding:
    1. Requests from organizations of graduate students over requests from student organizations with graduate student members.
    2. Requests for activities for graduate students over requests, in descending order, for all students (undergraduate and graduate), for the entire campus community (students, faculty, staff, and administrators), or for the local community (Isla Vista, Goleta, Santa Barbara, etc.).
    3. Requests that are interdisciplinary, involving different academic departments, over requests involving only one academic department or discipline.
3. Events and activities not funded by the GSA:
    1. Single department or single program seminars, colloquia, or other departmental speakers and events that are the normal responsibility of academic units.
    2. Travel, registration fees, or accommodations for professional conferences.
    3. The regular business meetings of a student organization.
    4. Funding requests that are not authored by a GSA member and sponsored by an officially registered student organization or by the GSA Executive Committee.
    5. Events and activities that are the on-going responsibility of UCSB administrative units (such as graduate career services, child care, etc.).
    6. The advertising or publicizing of events or activities of any kind.
4. The GSA Assembly shall not provide funds for speaking fees, performance fees, or any other fees for service to individual UCSB Graduate Students involved in events and activities funded by the GSA.
5. The GSA shall be acknowledged as a sponsor on information that is produced for an event or activity that is funded by the GSA.
6. The GSA Assembly encourages organizations making funding requests to seek co-sponsorship from other UCSB and off-campus organizations as applicable. The GSA Assembly may decline to fund an event or activity if the GSA is the only sponsor.
7. The GSA Assembly may require that organizations seeking repeat funding for recurring activities demonstrate evidence that financial support from other sponsors has been sought and/or received. Other sponsors may include UCSB organizations, off-campus foundations and professional societies, interested private firms, and organizations from other UC campuses, other colleges, and other universities.
8. The GSA Assembly will provide a maximum contribution of $300.00 per event or activity and $600.00 per year to any organization. Funding requests must be submitted to the GSA Vice President - Budget and Finance and **Applications are due no less then nine (9) days (no later than first thing Monday morning of the week before assembly meets) prior to the GSA Assembly meeting when funding will be considered.** Retroactive funding shall not be considered except under extremely unusual circumstances.