



Request for 2026 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Requested Amount: **\$2,000**

Departmental Information

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - CRITERIA

The Safer Sex Supplies Program (SSSP) at UW Tacoma supports student well-being by providing a wide range of contraception and other harm reduction supplies intended to prevent the spread of disease and unintended pregnancy. The SSSP program includes nine free condom dispensers located in the restrooms across campus, and the Free Safer Sex Supplies Order Form, in which students can submit via an online order form what types of safer sex supplies they need in bulk (10 condoms of whatever type they request, i.e., latex or non-latex, plus any optional supplies such as lubricant) and pick them up in a brown paper bag at Psychological and Wellness Services. Supplies include external (male), lubricated condoms; external non-lubricated condoms; internal (female) condoms (which are also inherently latex-free); non-latex external condoms; single-use water-based lubricant; and dental dams. All orders come with the manufacturer's instructions for use and disclaimers about the products. Both aspects of the SSSP, the dispensers and order form, are considered best practices in college health promotion.

The free condom dispensers located in the restrooms across campus have been a consistently, highly utilized service since they were installed in AY2021-2022. Due to staffing challenges, the dispensers in the restrooms located across campus could not be filled from roughly August 2024 to January 2025. During this time, student utilization of the Free Safer Sex Supplies Order Form increased, though our inventory of supplies was considered adequate to continue filling the Orders while the dispensers remained temporarily unfilled. In February 2025, we received unanticipated support from the Office of Student Life in which the Office's student employees would fill all 9 dispensers on a weekly basis. Currently, in the 2025-2026 Academic year, with the recent hire of a new Health Promotion Specialist and the pausing of the Office of Student Life's support to refill the condom dispensers, the new Health Promotion Specialist refills the condom dispensers every Friday and logs their usage.

STUDENT UTILIZATION

These funds will be used to purchase enough internal and external condoms to maintain adequate supplies through the 2026-2027 academic year based on the current usage rates. Sexually transmitted infections are a prevalent college health concern that can be easily prevented, saving students hundreds of dollars in testing and healthcare services while avoiding diseases that are often stigmatized, by using contraception such as condoms. Considering the lower resourced status of many of our students, many of whom are from cultures that do not educate youth on sexual health and disease prevention, this program aims to fill gaps of health-related support in their lives. Access to a wide range of supplies supports student well-being by offering barrier-free access to supplies considered essential to the safety of developmentally appropriate college student experiences. Sex, intimacy, and sexual pleasure are a normal part of life, and healthy experiences with sex and intimacy can make a positive impact on well-being. Condoms are also one of the most frequently used methods to prevent unintended pregnancy; a circumstance often cited as a reason for dropping out of higher education. Additionally, students must be on campus to access the dispensers or pick up their online order, contributing to a stickier campus.

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

Due to continued transition in the Health Promotion Specialist role, and the intentional efforts to keep this program on track during this transition, we could not foresee how this program would be impacted. This program has remained highly utilized. Since we are running low on condoms now, we are at risk of not being able to fill out dispensers and/or online orders within the coming weeks. We intend to use the funds as soon as they are awarded to purchase more supplies so that the programs can continue with little to no interruption.

