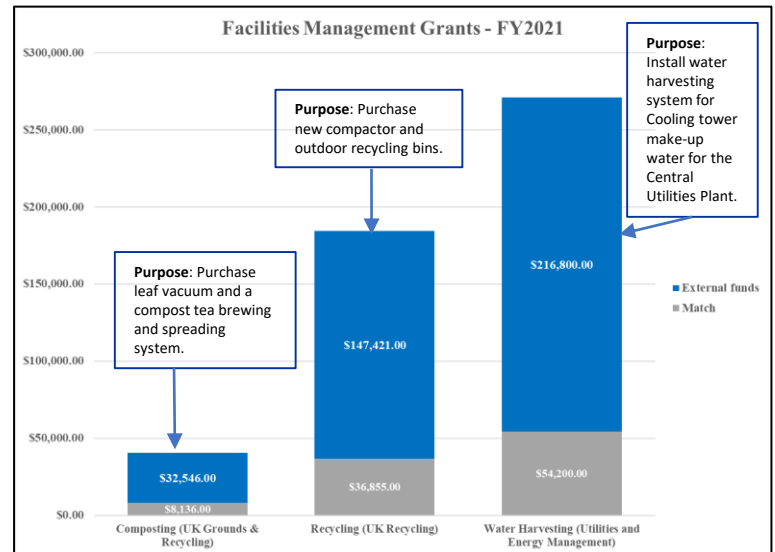


*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

## OUR PEOPLE.

## OUR STORIES.

Our new fiscal year started last Wednesday, July 1. This will be one of the most challenging years our institution has faced from a financial standpoint. Our campus has made courageous commitments to our employees by avoiding layoffs and moving forward with an increase in our minimum hourly wage rate in the face of these challenges. Our teams are also finding creative ways to sustain our momentum for innovation and improvement. This includes successfully securing grant funds from sources external to the University. The chart at right details three projects that will move forward this year thanks to successful grant writing by our team members in these areas. These three projects total nearly \$500,000 with 80% (\$400,000) coming from external sources. Thanks to our team members in **Recycling, Grounds, and Utilities and Energy Management** for securing these funds! And thanks to our **Business Office** for helping manage these new accounting practices.



Facilities Management has assembled six teams to lead the implementation of new protocols and plans as we prepare to reopen the campus to students this fall. These six teams are working in close coordination with other campus units to ensure clear communication and effective policies for keeping our campus community safe.

## Facilities Management Work Streams



Self-care, maintaining and improving our mental and physical health, should always be a priority but it is especially important in these trying times. UK Human Resources, through their **Work-Life Connections Program**, provides a wide array of resources available to all UK Employees. We encourage you to take time this week to do two things. First, learn about the warning signs that commonly indicate that stress and circumstances are negatively impacting your mental health. Second, familiarize yourself with the resources that UK provides to help you regain balance and focus. More info: <https://www.uky.edu/hr/work-life/counseling/worklife-connections-counseling>