



**Proposed Motion:** Approve \$501.51 for Viqueen engine replacement from General Repair & Replacement reserve to Viqueen Operational Budget.

**Sponsor:** Vice President for Business & Operations

**Persons of Contact:** Director/ Assistant Director of VU Facilities

**Request:** Seeking \$501.51 for engine/clutch for Viqueen pump that **was** replaced. (Honda 5.5hp engine/centrifugal clutch pulley with expected life of 7 years)

**Context:** The engine has already been paid for & replaced by Viqueen Operational Budget. This was something that needed immediate replacement to continue providing service for Viqueen attendees. But the equipment belongs to the AS and falls under the General Repair & Replacement fund (FXXGRR).

“It’s a lawn mower type engine and we have already purchased and installed it. We replaced this engine for around \$300 at least five years ago and was unsure of its life expectancy. We had it repaired several times, which requires someone to go out there to remove it from the well pump and bring to Facilities Maintenance, and then return to the island and reinstall it. Given the corrosive marine environment and humidity, the old engine coughed up its last! My thought was to replace it with a better engine, a Honda 5.5hp, which is easier to start and will require less maintenance. Since its part of the equipment inventory, it makes sense to expense it out of General Repair and Replacement. We also needed to replace the centrifugal clutch pulley as well. The engine was \$379.95 and the clutch was \$81. With tax, the total was \$501.51. FM will charge us a setup charge, but we’ll cover that from the Viqueen operating budget. “

-Director of VU Facilities

**Fiscally:** Since this has already been paid for by the Viqueen Operational budget (\$2,000), it is necessary to transfer funds from the General Repair & Replacement (FXXGRR); which now sits at roughly \$13,000 of an estimated \$24,000 for the year.

#### **How does this fit into the AS’ short & long-term future?**

In the short term, this pump was immediately required to continue serving Viqueen attendees. It works better than the old engine and requires less service.

*\*This is a side note I’ve made during the course of researching this proposal and should be discussed at another time.*

In the long-term, we as a board must determine our level of fiscal management. We have recently approved 13k for the large format printer. We have this \$500 proposal, and very soon there will be a request for \$8,400.

Do we want to be fiscally conservative and save our reserve dollars for later on in the year; when other proposals come to the board. With that, we risk not utilizing the money and the left over carrying on.

Or do we want to utilize the whole 24k within the GRR to not have any carry over. We have to keep in mind that students pay the S&A fee for us to provide them with \$2.5 million dollars of service for that year. To underutilize those funds is a disservice to those students.

We have to find a healthy balance in which we utilize the funds available in the best ways to serve students. The goal is to not be so conservative that money is left over but not to be overzealous and spend more than we have (dipping into other pools of money).