



One-Time Request – Cougar  
Cupboard Accessibility Request

# CENTER FOR STUDENT ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY

## FY 25-26



## FY 2025 One-Time Request – Cougar Cupboard Accessibility Request

In Spring 2024, the Cougar Cupboard transitioned to a new location in the University Lofts. The cupboard currently serves over 500 students a week and has a high number of visitors coming in and out of the cupboard. To support the ever-evolving cupboard, we are requesting handicap-accessible buttons for the doors to accommodate the student needs of our diverse population and improve the accessibility of the space.

Installing handicap buttons on a food pantry space is essential for ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all individuals, regardless of physical ability and or/mobility challenges. Additionally, with “universal design” in mind, Handicap-accessible buttons will benefit all students by making it easier to enter and exit the space with their backpacks and groceries. Providing accessible entryways promotes equality, removes barriers, and reflects a commitment to serving the entire community.

This request includes the installation of two buttons, the associated required replacement of the entrance and exit doors, and labor costs.

### DSA Strategic Initiative:

#### *Increased student engagement*

- When students see that accessibility needs are being prioritized, it signals that the space is welcoming to everyone, encouraging more students to participate, volunteer, and utilize the pantry. This inclusivity can motivate students to advocate for other improvements, and increase their overall involvement in campus initiatives, making the food pantry a hub of student support and collaboration.
- DSA Values: Care, Community, Collaboration

### Funding Request- FY2025

Materials and Labor for entrance door	\$18,673.49
Materials and Labor for exit door	\$18,673.37
Panel/Boards and License	\$900.38
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$38,247.24</u>
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$2,294.83</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,542.07</b>