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Request for Proposals: Pushing the Envelope for A Sustainable Community

Sustainable Path will award funds to non-profit organizations managing projects in the greater Puget Sound region that are focused on sustainability. At the heart of our work is the recognition of the interdependence of natural systems and human activity and the vital need to work together on our path to a sustainable future. Our work is based on the belief that evidence-based solutions can help us address some of our region's most significant challenges.

A common thread connecting our grant awards is an interest in action-oriented projects that enhance the sustainability of our region while directly engaging citizens. We seek to invest in innovative, practical and cost-effective solutions, particularly those that identify emerging trends, or pilot innovative solutions to tough environmental problems.

ELIGIBILITY

Sustainable Path will accept proposals from nonprofit organizations in the greater Puget Sound region.

Please note that we will not fund K-12 educational projects in this grant cycle.

FUND CRITERIA

Strong proposals will:

- Test creative or innovative ideas.
- Produce demonstrable impact and effectiveness.
- Have a strong likelihood for expansion or replication.
- Explain the ability to use this grant award to leverage additional funding.

Funding decisions will be based upon the degree to which the proposal meets the following criteria:

- Offers an emerging solution and/or fills an unmet gap.
- A clear description of the problem or challenge(s) and the innovative approach for solving it.
- Involves a collaborative approach and community involvement.
- Explicit desired outcomes in furthering environmental sustainability.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

We anticipate funding two to four projects up to \$10,000 each. Funded activities must be completed within 12 months of the award start date.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: 501(c)3 or 501(c)3 fiscally sponsored groups located in the Puget Sound region.

Sustainable Path does not fund:

- Capital projects
- Equipment unless directly required by the project
- Endowments
- Political campaigns, candidates, or lobbying activities
- Direct grants or loans to individuals
- General fund drives or annual appeals
- Projects outside of the greater Puget Sound region

TIMELINE

- Submission due date: October 6, 2016
- Notification: Sustainable Path's will notify applicants by October 31 whether or not they have advanced to the final stage. Finalists will meet with Sustainable Path Impact Circle members to discuss proposals.
- Sustainable Path will notify finalists of funding decision no later than December 8th.

Cover sheet and application forms are available on our website: sustainablepath.org/

Submit proposals by email to lee@sustainablepath.org

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