

SPRING 2017 Request for Proposals: Innovations In Sustainability

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Our 2017 spring grant cycle 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 view our grantees as partners in identifying and solving issues facing our region and promote their successes and opportunities for involvement to our community. *We emphasize innovation in funding both interesting experiments and projects that will have significant impact.*

FUNDING GUIDELINES

Sustainable Path Foundation seeks organizations with strong leadership and a clear strategic vision. Proposals should clearly state the root problem addressed by the project and the vision of how a successful project will foster a more sustainable future within our region. Both one-time projects and ongoing work will be considered.

Proposals will be ranked based on the following criteria:

- Implements evidenced-based solutions.
- Tests new, innovative approaches to issues of sustainability.
- Involves a collaborative approach and community involvement.
- Demonstrates a likelihood for expansion or replication.
- States explicit desired outcomes in furthering sustainability in our region.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

We anticipate funding two to four projects of 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

Application Process and Timeline

The cover sheet and application forms are available on our website: sustainablepath.org

- Submission due date: **Friday, March 10, 2017 by 6:00 PM**
- Notification: Sustainable Path's will notify applicants by **April 3rd, 2017** whether or not they have advanced to the final stage. Finalists will be invited to meet with Sustainable Path Impact Circle members to discuss their proposals.

Submit proposals by e-mail to lee@sustainablepath.org

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