2020 Sustainability Challenge Grant Program

PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

This section shall not exceed ten (10) single-spaced pages (12-point type, 1-inch margins). Delete all instructional text before submission.

**Title:**

**Principal investigator(s) and Team Members:** Provide name, title, department, and email address for each team member. Identify team lead(s)/principal investigator(s) and list first.

**Category:** Indicate the major category(ies) that your project will address: (1) Operations, (2) Engagement, (3) Academics, and/or (4) Research.

**Type of Submission:** Indicate whether the project is a:

* New Project
* Continuation - The proposal is linked to a project previously funded by a Sustainability Challenge Grant. Summarize previous outcomes and describe the key differences between the previous work and the work proposed here.
* Resubmission - The proposal is a resubmission/adaptation of a proposal previously submitted, but not funded. Discuss how the resubmission addresses the feedback provided in the previous funding cycle.

**Project Summary:** Clearly define your project, its relevance to sustainability, methods to be employed, groups involved, and measurable outcomes.

**Relevance:** Describe how your project aligns with and supports one or more of the strategic initiatives linked from *Section V, Item 2* of application instructions.

**Goals and Outcomes:** Clearly define the goals and objectives that will be completed within the one-year duration of the project. Include a timeline with project milestones and specific measurable outcomes.

**Approach and Methodology:** Describe the processes, procedures, tools, frameworks, etc. that will be used to address the sustainability challenge.

**Statement of results or benefits:** Describe in quantifiable terms how you will measure the performance or impact of your project with regard to advancing economic vitality, ecological integrity, and social equity.

**Stakeholders:** List the stakeholders that are critical to the success of the project and describe how each will be involved. Stakeholder support letters are encouraged and should be included in the final section of your submission.

**Communication Plan:** Provide a detailed description of how your team will generate public engagement throughout the project and communicate your results.

**Student Engagement and Training Potential:** Provide the number of post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students, including degree level, who are expected to be involved with the project. If the information is available, include each student’s name, major, and expected graduation date, and indicate if the project will be used to inform a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation.

**Funding:** Address the following: (a) Is your project team willing to accept partial funding for your project? Doing so will require submitting a revised scope and budget; (b) Is your project leveraging additional resources? If so, describe; (c) Is this project intended to provide preliminary results or experience for a future competitive proposal external to the Sustainability Challenge Grant program? If so, provide the name of the funding agency, name of the program, and intended year of application submission.