

## GCSO Grant Program (2019)

The Global Consortium for Sustainability Outcomes (GCSO) is a global network of universities and research institutes that advances solutions to sustainability problems through research, development and capacity building. Network members work with implementers to generate, test and transfer solutions to accelerate sustainability outcomes worldwide.



**The GCSO Grant Program supports GCSO's mission:  
*To implement and scale solutions to sustainability challenges***

**Submission Guidelines:** The project must implement and/or scale a fully developed solution, and engage an implementer (e.g. government, NGO, school, industry). Projects are required to include the collaboration of two or more GCSO member universities.

Projects must also (1) establish clear milestones for work to be completed in 12 months, and (2) submit one or more proposals to an external agency or foundation to support continued scaling of the project (must be done within the 12 months of the GCSO Grant award).

Successful applicants will demonstrate how the proposed work furthers the GCSO mission.

**Awards:** GCSO anticipates over \$500,000 USD will be available in 2019 to fund projects that implement and scale sustainability solutions. The proposal process will be conducted in two stages: **Stage 1.** Submission of an initial Letter of Intent (LOI) and **Stage 2.** Submission of a Full Proposal.

Only shortlisted LOI applicants will be invited to submit a Full Proposal in Stage 2.

Awards will be announced and distributed in June 2019. Projects must begin no later than September 1, 2019 and be completed by August 31, 2020.

**Eligibility:** Faculty, staff and researchers of GCSO member institutions are eligible to apply.

**Process and Deadlines:**

1. **Stage 1. Letter of Intent (Required):** Beginning January 1, 2019, faculty and staff from GCSO member institutions can submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) via InfoReady at <https://asu.infoready4.com/>. Alternate submission methods will not be considered.

The LOI narrative must include (500 words max):

- Sustainability challenge to be addressed
- Proposed solution to be implemented (including details about the implementers and their level of commitment/engagement)
- Anticipated sustainability outcome(s) and impact(s) ([see examples](#))
- Alignment with the GCSO mission

Individual names of project co-leads (Co-Applicants) are preferred, but not required at this stage. If Co-Applicants are unknown, provide the following (150 words max):

- Potential GCSO member institution collaborator/s
- Plans to identify individual Co-Applicant/s

Additional requirements:

- Declaration of funding amount requested

LOI submissions are due by 5:00pm MST on **March 8, 2019**.

2. **Review:** The [representative for each GCSO institution](#) will review and evaluate only the LOIs in which the Lead Applicant is from their institution. No more than three submissions *per institution* will advance to Stage 2.
3. **Notification:** All applicants will receive notification via email by **March 29, 2019**.
4. **Stage 2. Invited Full Proposals:** Full proposals are due by 5:00pm MST on **April 30, 2019**. All submissions must be made via InfoReady. Alternate methods of submission will not be considered.

**Reporting requirements for funded projects:** Seed Grants are awarded for up to 12 months. Successful applicants will be required to submit an Activity Report at 6 and 12 months, after receipt of funding. Project holders are required to report on progress, outcomes and financial expenditure using specific interim and final report templates. Projects that receive funding are required to submit a proposal to an external funding agency within the 12-month funding cycle. Additionally, a project representative may be required to present progress at the GCSO Annual Member Representatives meeting (spring 2020, date and location TBD).

**Access the [FAQs for the 2019 GCSO Seed Grant Program](#)**

The FAQs document will be updated periodically. If your question is not addressed, email Vanessa Davis at [v.davis@asu.edu](mailto:v.davis@asu.edu) and you will receive a response within two U.S. business days.