

# Sustainability Accelerator Microgrants

## A Call to Action for Sustainable Solutions



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The next decade will be crucial for the future of the planet and we need to define and deliver a blueprint today for how to build a fairer and more sustainable tomorrow.

In the face of this challenge, the Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator is looking for innovative and engaging ideas that **accelerate innovative solutions for a fair and sustainable future – for the environment and for people.**

The microgrants will provide a springboard for novel ideas to solve sustainability challenges. Your idea should lead to a tangible output that could help it to become a reality. This could be a digital tool, a physical product, an event, a campaign or even a new technology.

Ideas should also demonstrate their resonance based on a combination of relevance (how important it is) and reach (how wide an audience will it reach).

Grants of £1,000 are available from a £20,000 microgrant fund for innovative and creative people to transform their ideas into reality.

**Please see our frequently asked questions below.**

### FAQs

- *What kind of ideas do you fund?*

The Sustainability Accelerator will fund any idea or initiative as long as it leads to a tangible output that will either solve an existing sustainability issue or accelerate progress towards sustainability targets.

- *What will you not fund?*

We will not fund any project submitted by a business or registered company. We will also not fund initiatives that do not demonstrate how it will solve an existing sustainability issue or accelerate progress towards sustainability targets. It is at the discretion of the Sustainability Accelerator what projects they will or will not fund.

- *How do apply?*

Complete a short application form which you can find [here](#).

- *What is the deadline for applying?*

Applications should be submitted by 30 April 2022. Applications will then be assessed on a rolling basis so get your application in early.

- *How much can I apply for?*

Grants of up to £1,000 will be awarded. This funding should cover all or the majority of what is described in your application.

- *What if I am a part of an organization?*

We will fund projects from charitable or community organizations, however, we will not accept submissions from registered businesses or companies. All applications must have a lead individual named who will be responsible for delivering any initiative funded by the microgrant.

- *Who will decide whether I will receive a grant and how?*

Microgrants will be judged by a panel of Chatham House staff, associate fellows and experts. We'll assess your application against its ability to answer the questions set out. If we think your idea is promising, we'll also ask you to take part in a 30-minute conversation with us to talk us through your idea.

- *When will I know if my application has been successful?*

We'll aim to respond to applicants one month from your submission.

- *Can I reapply?*

If you have successfully received funding previously then you still are eligible to apply again with a different idea. If a previous application was rejected then you may reapply but not with the same idea.

- *When should my idea start and end?*

You should start work within four weeks of receiving funding and should be completed within six months of receiving funding. You'll be asked to share some materials at the end of your project including a short report, images, samples or other evidence of how you brought your idea to reality. This should be completed in English.

- *How will Chatham House acknowledge my idea?*

The Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator may display completed ideas on the Sustainability Accelerator website, the Chatham House website, on social media channels as well as in promotional material that we produce as a part of the initiative. We may ask you to conduct an interview, answer questions or take part in other promotional activities within reason.

- *What information do I need to share with Chatham House at the end of my project?*

You'll need to provide a short report of around two pages as well as images, samples or other evidence of how you brought your idea into reality. The report will respond to key questions set out.

*Should you have further questions we haven't been able to answer here, please get in touch with us at [sustainabilityaccelerator@chathamhouse.org](mailto:sustainabilityaccelerator@chathamhouse.org).*