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Brico Fund Climate Crisis Funding

Call for Concept Papers

This call for concept papers is related to Brico Fund's emerging focus on climate crisis.

Brico Fund builds the collective capacity of people and organizations to actively and sustainably improve the civic, cultural, and natural environments. Brico Fund seeks a Wisconsin in which the full citizenry is engaged and involved in their communities, strengthening the human and natural environments for future generations.

After a period of reflection in 2018, Brico Fund has recommitted to its work in the environment, building on its past focus on water to also include climate crisis, given the profound and broad impacts that global heading has had and will have on everyone who calls Wisconsin home.

Brico Fund seeks concept papers describing existing work for funding in 2020 related to one of the following topics:

- Water and climate crisis
- Biodiversity preservation and climate crisis
- Agriculture and land preservation and climate crisis
- Equity related to climate crisis, with a particular interest in under-represented communities, including Native communities
- Public health as a vehicle for attention to climate crisis

Funding will be considered for existing and ongoing projects only; support for the scaling of existing work will also be considered but is not required.

Funding for each project or organization will not exceed \$100,000, with most funding not exceeding \$50,000.

Brico Fund encourages projects of all sizes. No project is too small.

Successful concept papers will identify one of the above topics that most closely aligns with the work and will demonstrate clear outcomes and impact related to climate crisis for the work described. Project activities must be focused on Wisconsin.

To be considered for funding, please submit a concept paper of no more than two pages. Concept papers must be submitted through Brico's online grants system.

Please click this link https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1576?SA=SNA&FID=35083 to access the application instructions. The following information will be requested:

- Proof of 501(c)(3) status or a fiscal sponsor with this status
- 990 and audit, if available

- Current budget for the work described
- A two-page concept paper that describes the work or project, how it addresses one of the topics above, and anticipated outcomes¹
- Anticipated amount of funding requested of Brico in 2020
- Current other funding sources for the work or project described

Concept papers will be accepted from 501(c)3 organizations or unincorporated projects with a 501(c)(3) fiscal agent only.

An optional information session via video conference will be held on Monday, July 15 at 3:00 PM central time. Prior registration to this information session is required.

Additional questions may be addressed through this [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#), which will continuously be updated as additional questions arise.

Any questions may be directed to Sarah Grosvenor, sgrosvenor@bricofund.org.

Timeline

Date	Action
July 1	Request for concept papers published on website
July 15, 2:00 PM CT	Video information session to answer questions. Please click this link to register for the video information session; registration is required. Following your registration, you will receive follow-up instructions for how to access the video call.
August 1	Concept paper deadline
September 23	Invitations to apply for funding issued to selected concept papers
November 1	Full proposals due
Late December	Organizations alerted about grant decisions.

Concept papers are due on August 1. Selected applicants will be notified on September 23 if they are invited to submit a full proposal; full proposals will be due on November 1, with funding announced in December 2019 for 2020. Grantees will receive one grant payment at the beginning of the grant period, with one written report due in 2020. A site visit or other form of in-person or telephone update may also be requested. Grantees may be invited to meetings hosted by Brico.

¹ Please note, smaller organizations or projects for whom a grant process may be a new experience may request a 30-minute phone call in lieu of a two-page concept paper. This phone call must be confirmed prior to August 1. All other requested materials must still be submitted through Brico Fund's online grants system.