

## NextGen Committee Proposal Submission Process & Key Dates

<b>Submission Deadline:</b>	July 11, 2018
<b>Finalists Notification Date:</b>	by September 5, 2018
<b>Decision Date:</b>	October 31, 2018

### Proposal Submission Process:

Go to <http://www.raycandersonfoundation.org/nextgen-2018-grant-call-for-proposals> and complete the *Proposal Submission Form*. At the end of the Form, attach your proposal and any additional documents for consideration. Proposal should be in Word format and should not exceed 7 pages.

Please make sure any files submitted have your organization's name or acronym in the filename. You may upload a maximum of 5 files, and file types may include text documents (Word format), spreadsheets, PDFs, presentations, slideshows, and videos (less than 3 minutes long.) You should have ALL documents ready to submit before you start the process – once you submit your proposal, you cannot go back and edit your submission.

Proposal MUST be submitted by an organization based in the United States and recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service (with the organization's tax determination letter included as an attachment).

No phone calls. Email any inquiries to [nextgengrants@raycandersonfoundation.org](mailto:nextgengrants@raycandersonfoundation.org) only. **Inquiries by phone or to any email address other than the one listed above will disqualify an applicant.**

### Proposal Evaluation Criteria:

The NextGen Committee will primarily judge proposals on the amount of estimated offset carbon, the quality of the calculations, and the likelihood of success at achieving the estimated carbon reductions. The Committee will secondarily consider the collateral environmental and social benefits of the project.

#### ***Pricing and Measuring CO<sub>2</sub>e***

According to an Ecosystem Marketplace report, the average price per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e offsets in voluntary markets in 2016 was \$3 (though with wide variability ranging from less than \$1 to more than \$50 per metric ton). At \$3 per metric ton, \$90,000 would purchase 30,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e offsets. Our

hope is that received proposals will be competitive with or exceed this amount of projected offset carbon.

Strong proposals must also demonstrate high-quality estimations of CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions. The Environmental Protection Agency has made available a [greenhouse gas equivalencies calculator](#) that may be useful in calculating these estimations. Note, however, that organizations may prefer to utilize a different CO<sub>2</sub>e calculator or estimate carbon savings in other ways. As long as an organization's methodology for such estimations is clearly stated, applicants may utilize any tools they wish.

### **Proposal Contents (*at a minimum*):**

- Summary of the organization
- Description of the project, including a timeline of activities
  - If a new project, what is its current state of development?
  - If an existing project, what is its history and record of success?
- Short biographies of project leaders
- Most recently available organizational budget (*this may submitted as a separate document in Excel spreadsheet or PDF format*)
- Total project budget for 2019, including how the \$90,000 award would be spent (*indirect costs not to exceed 5%*)
- Detailed calculation of estimated CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions as a result of project activities during 2019, with appropriate allocation of those CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions to the \$90,000 grant
  - *NOTE: While only 2019 activities should be included in calculating CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions, calculations should include the lifetime carbon savings of those activities. For example, planting a tree occurs in a particular year, but that tree then sequesters carbon dioxide for its entire lifetime. Any assumptions relied upon in making these calculations should be appropriately referenced and documented.*
- Any additional environmental or social benefits of the project beyond a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>e.