

CALL FOR PROJECTS SEED FUNDING PROGRAM (SFP)

If you are reading this call for projects, you are probably one of the hundreds of young people who want to respond to the cry of the Earth and the Poor. Seed Funding for People and Planet wants to invite you to make a journey together towards integral ecology, but first, let us explain how we started.

Motivated by the teaching and example of Pope Francis and other religious leaders on the protection of our Common Home, in particular through the <u>Laudato Sì Action Platform</u>, the Focolare also decided to start to develop its own EcoPlan aiming to amplify, connect and expand the environmental work within the movement.

Within this context and the sponsorship of <u>FaithInvest</u> and <u>Mundell&Associates</u>, a micro-financing initiative, the Seed Funding Program (SFP), was launched for the first time in 2021.

The program aims to sustain and encourage significant and promising initiatives in different parts of the world towards the creation of local/national ecological plans for people and the planet within the Focolare communities.

With the first launch of 2021-2022 we were able to support 15 projects in the development of their initiatives all around the world, from the Philippines, through Africa, all the way to Argentina! You can find the projects selected in the first launch and read a brief report <u>on this page of New Humanity's website</u>.

This year we are finally launching a new call for projects on a special occasion: the **10th anniversary of the encyclical** *Laudato Si'*, with which Pope Francis called humanity to care for the common home, interweaving ecology, social justice and spirituality. We're very excited to announce this call on this special year, and to say that it was possible thanks to the sponsorship of <u>Mundell&Associates</u> and the commitment of all the young people ready to act to bring a concrete change that are working on this!

So what you should know about the SFP 2025-2026?

The SFP is looking for youth-led and intergenerational initiatives (ongoing or future initiatives) aiming at a change in our personal and communitarian lifestyles, envisioning sustainable relationships between nature and human beings, and working within a local context.

3 to 5 projects will be selected and will be funded with up to 1000 or 1500 euros. An international and interdisciplinary jury will select the projects according to the following criteria:











- 1. Orientation of the project towards integral ecology (in favour of people and planet);
- **2.** The project should involve intergenerational efforts with young people playing a significant role in the leadership and implementation of each project;
- 3. The project must involve the local community (possibly at a national level); and
- **4.** The project should show how spiritual values motivate ecological action (possibly with an ecumenical and interreligious dimension).

Submit your project and be part of this path together!

In order to participate in this call, you may need to fill out some crucial information. Do not miss the application form and the framework of your initiative.

- <u>Application form</u>
- Plan's framework

The deadline to complete your application is **June 30th, 2025**.

You will hear whether your project was successful to receive seed-funding by **July 20th, 2025**. Once successful for funding, you would commit to taking first steps within your project between July and September 2025 and we would love to see your first report by the end of **November 2025**.

For more information, feel free to contact us at seedfundingprogram@gmail.com.

More information about Seed Funding For People and Planet <u>https://www.new-humanity.org/en/project/seed-funding-program/</u>.

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