

End Plastic Pollution International Collaborative (EPPIC) Request for Proposals - Circular Economy Costa Rica

Overview

Launched on 20 September 2023 at the 78th UN General Assembly and with catalytic seed funding from the U.S. Department of State, the [End Plastic Pollution International Collaborative \(EPPIC\)](#) is an international public-private partnership hosted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, The Ocean Foundation, Aspen Institute, and Searious Business.

Plastic pollution is a global crisis that transcends national boundaries, disrupts the natural world, and impacts livelihoods worldwide. Millions of tons of plastic waste enter the ocean each year, and untold millions of tons more pollute lands and waterways – persisting in the environment for centuries. To protect the health of our planet and all its inhabitants, we must act now to end plastic pollution.

PURPOSE

Led by The Ocean Foundation (TOF), the End Plastic Pollution International Collaborative (EPPIC) grant program will provide financial resources to in-country projects focused on location-appropriate upstream and mid-stream interventions supported by science-based knowledge, as appropriate. These grants will support projects that align with EPPIC's mission to galvanize global action to significantly reduce plastic pollution and advance solutions to eliminate plastic waste across the plastic cycle.

Grant Award Details

 **Geographic Focus**

a promising project that aligns with EPPIC's mission and focuses on location-appropriate upstream and mid-stream interventions supported by science-based knowledge as appropriate we encourage you to apply:

Innovation in sustainable alternatives to conventional plastics

Develop and test new materials that can serve as sustainable alternatives to conventional plastics

Incorporate the principles of eco-design of plastic parts, products, and packaging making them easier to recycle and ensuring that materials can be recovered and reused at the end of use

Promote circular economy practices through reuse and/or refill solutions

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If an approved project is less than two years in length the reporting requirements will depend on the length of the project and will follow a similar pattern to the above.

Grantee Expectations & Support

Grantee expectations and support could include all or part of the following as agreed between EPPIC and the grantee:

Grantees will automatically become EPPIC members.

Grantees will be expected to share lessons learned with the EPPIC community and other EPPIC grantees.

Projects will be highlighted on the EPPIC website, newsletter, and/or reports. Grantees may have the opportunity to present their work at EPPIC events. Travel to these events would be supported by EPPIC outside of your award grant funds.

Attend gatherings to share lessons learned and provide advice and support to other EPPIC grantees as agreed upon between EPPIC and the grantee. These gatherings could be during or after your grant award period. Travel to these gatherings will be supported by EPPIC outside of your award grant funds.

Host one or more potential site visits by EPPIC and EPPIC partners as agreed upon between EPPIC and the grantee.

Connect with scientific or technical experts who are members or partners of EPPIC to provide mentorship, advice, or knowledge sharing as determined by all participants

Connect with IUCN's MEL department to learn more about MEL capacity and how to showcase outcomes and measurements for plastic waste and pollution avoided.

Ad Hoc check-in calls with the grant manager to discuss any issues related to your project, assist with problem-solving, discuss budget management, or any other items related to the project as initiated by the grantee or grant manager.

