**What this Fund is about**

The #OCBCCares Environment Fund offers full financial support for projects that promote environmentally responsible practices in Singapore. OCBC Bank recognises that there are many individuals and interest groups who are passionate about environmental sustainability; have good ideas of how sustainability can be achieved in Singapore and require funding for implementation.

By encouraging the community in Singapore to take ownership of environmental conservation efforts, OCBC Bank is creating a movement that can – over time - generate long-term benefits for the larger good of society.

The projects must sustainably impact the environment and ultimately deliver meaningful and long-term benefits for the community in Singapore.

**What projects are we funding?**

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for initiatives that meet the following criteria:

* Are realistic and scalable
* That would provide direct and tangible benefits to Singapore
* Deliver visible outcomes that have a sustainable impact on our environment
* That would benefit a broad segment of the community

Applications will be carefully assessed to ensure that the projects can achieve outcomes that include:

* The adoption of environmentally responsible behaviour or habits among residents in Singapore
* Successful efforts to conserve, recycle or minimise waste of environmental resources including water, energy, natural habitats and food
* Biodiversity conservation initiatives, including habitat enhancement, habitat restoration and species recovery
* Resolution of pressing local environmental sustainability issues
* A stronger call, from ground-up, for the community to make lifestyle changes and adopt more environmentally responsible habits.

Applicants are also required to indicate if the project is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint.

**Who is eligible to apply**

* Individuals (Singaporeans and permanent residents)
* Interest groups (Singaporeans, permanent residents and non-residents) including Non-Governmental Organisations and Non-Profit Organisations). Each participating non-resident must partner at least 2 Singaporeans.

The Fund will only consider proposals of implementable projects that benefit Singapore and the community.

**This Fund is not available to individuals and groups with existing commercial interests; or for government-initiated projects.**

**What will the Fund pay for**

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| **Will Pay For** | **Will Not Pay For** |
| * Equipment and materials required
* Hiring of staff to undertake research / production / laboratory work
* Educational collateral
* Photography and filming to document findings/results
 | * Food and beverage / meals
* Stationery and logistics
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**Closing date**

The closing date for submission of applications is 31December 2019. Entries should be sent to : environment@ocbc.com

**Points to note**

* Applications must be submitted using this prescribed form, before the closing date of
**31 December 2019**. Forms submitted after that will not be considered.
* Shortlisted applicants will be required to present their proposals to an evaluation committee for final selection.
* Successful project owners are required to complete their projects and present results within
9 months. Eg if the proposal is approved in March 2020, the project must be completed by December 2020.

**Training workshop**

To help applicants prepare robust proposals, structure projects and make effective presentations before the evaluation committee and then implement projects successfully, OCBC Bank staff volunteers will provide training in project management, budgeting and concise presentation skills

This will equip applicants with key skills that can help bring their proposals to fruition. The training workshops are scheduled for:

Date : 16 October 2019, Wednesday

Time : 4 – 7 pm

Venue : OCBC Centre
 (exact venue to be advised)

All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the training workshops. Please register your interest at environment@ocbc.com

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| **PROJECT INFORMATION** |
| 1. | Title of the project: |  |
| 2. | Project start and end date: |  |
| 3. | Target audience: |  |
| 4. | Is the project currently receiving grants / support from other organisation(s)? If yes, list company name and amount: |  |

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| **INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT(S)** |
|  | Name of the applicant(s): |  |
| 2. | Contact number: |  | Fax no: |  |
| 3. | Email address: |  |
| 4. | Mailing address: |  |
| 5.  | Which outcome would your project achieve?:(tick where applicable) |
|  | The adoption of environmentally responsible behaviour or habits among residents in Singapore Successful efforts to conserve, recycle or minimise waste of environmental resources including water, energy and food. Enhanced biodiversityResolution of pressing local environmental sustainability issues A stronger call, from ground-up, for the community to make lifestyle changes and adopt more environmentally responsible habits.  |

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Describe the project and be as specific as possible. Please include the objectives, target audience, the issues that you hope to address and key performance indicators for the project

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**PROJECT PLAN AND DETAILS**

Share how your project will resolve the issue. List actionable and specific activities /plans that will be implemented to achieve the desired outcome, number of people who would potentially benefit from this project, project timeline. Applicants may use their own attachment if the space is insufficient.

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**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

How do you know that the initiative or programme has achieved the desired outcome(s)? Describe measurements that will indicate the success of the project. Applicants may use their own attachment if the space is insufficient.

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**UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPENT GOALS / SUSTAINABLE SINGAPORE BLUEPRINT**

Which goals would your project contribute to:

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Reference link : <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

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| **SDG goals** | **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** | **Tick relevant one (s)** |
| 2 | End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture |  |
| 6 | Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all  |  |
| 7 | Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all |  |
| 12 | Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns |  |
| 14 | Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development |  |
| 15 | Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt biodiversity loss |  |
|  | Any others (please specify): |  |

Sustainable Singapore Blueprint

Reference link: <http://www.mewr.gov.sg/ssb/files/ssb2015.pdf>

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| **Singapore’s efforts in sustainability and liveability** | **Tick relevant one (s)** |
| **A liveable and endearing home** |
| EcoSmart endearing towns- promote environmental sustainability beyond buildings to a wider range of facilities  and space- provide and maintain lush greenery in our urban environment- make it easier for residents to save water and energy; and reduce, reuse and recycle  water |  |
| **A vibrant and sustainable city** |
| Towards a zero-waste nation- introduce more initiatives to reduce food waste in food and beverage businesses and  improve recycling of electrical and electronic waste |  |
| **An active and gracious community** |
| - Engage the public on The Ubin Project to collectively enhance our natural environment- Encourage more businesses to be sensitive to their environmental impact and to  participate in voluntary programmes- Take the lead in environmental sustainability  |  |
| Any others (please specify): |  |

**FINANCIAL BUDGETTING**

List items and respective proposed costs for the project

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| **S/n** | **Item** | **Description** | **Amount (S$)** | **Percentage (%) of total amount requested** |
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|  | **TOTAL** |  | **100%** |

Do you intend to secure or have you secured sponsorship from other sources for this initiative?

 Yes

 No

If Yes, please provide the details below

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| **s/n** | **Name of Sponsor** | **Amount (S$)** |
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Any other information that would be useful to us when evaluating your request

* Yes (*Please attach information separately*)
* No

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the information is true at the point of submission of this application, and that any attempt to withhold or falsify the necessary information would render it null and void. I also understand that the defiant act of withholding true information with regard to the application will subject the organisation I represent, as well as myself (the applicant), to being barred from applying for the fund, as interim.

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| Signature of the applicant |
| Date: |

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| **FOR OCBC USE ONLY** |
| **Assessed by:** |  |
| **Recommendations:** |  |
| **Approved by:** |  |