The Pollination Project is dedicated to nurturing the seeds of compassion around the world and see our money as a tool to accomplish this goal.

We receive up to 300 applications each month, knowing each one of those applications represents a dream and a vision for a better world, and knowing we can’t fund all of them.

The following are our commitments to our applicants as they engage with us in the application process, whether they are funded or not.
I. WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED

- We are committed to understanding what really makes you and your project special, unique and important. This means we might have a lot of questions for you in the process, as we work to understand how it fits with our goals and guidelines.

- Even if we don’t fund your project, we aim to provide useful suggestions via our website on how to enhance and strengthen your project.

- When we decline an applicant for funding with us, it is considered to be a “not now” or “not a match for us”. You are welcome to rethink your application and reapply as often as you want as long as your project meets our guidelines.

- Whether you are funded or not, please use our suggestions to improve your pitch and apply to other funders.

II. WE HONOR YOUR VISION.

- You are more than just a piece of paper to us. You are a person with a unique vision who took the time to share it with us. We know that applying takes guts! It means you are ready to start or expand something that is near and dear to your heart. Your application is a gift that we do not take for granted.

- We will take the time to really understand your vision and your implementation plan. In most cases, a minimum of 4 people on our team will carefully review your application and vision.

- Your work matters. We know you care and are using your life to do something you believe in. Keep going!
III. WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

- We attempt to be culturally sensitive and understand that everyone comes from different backgrounds and experiences that can impact communication and shared understanding. We do our best to bridge these differences, and encourage you to communicate with us when we are falling short.

- We will be transparent about timelines and process so that you can be aware of where your application is in our process, and have a general sense of when you will get an answer from us.

- In some cases, applications are delayed for various reasons and we will do our best to communicate when and if that happens.

IV. YOU CAN HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE.

- We are a small team of humans. And we make mistakes.

- When we fail or fall short of what we promise, we acknowledge it and try to learn from it. In fact, this Bill of Rights is a result of a deserved critique from an applicant who waited far too long for an answer from us and with whom we communicated poorly.

- If you have critical feedback that can help us be better in the future, we want to hear it. This feedback will not ever negatively impact your ability to apply for or receive future funding with us.