M-Cubed Sustainability Blocks Proposal

About the Institute
The Graham Sustainability Institute integrates talent across the University of Michigan, and partners with external stakeholders, to foster collaborative sustainability solutions at all scales. Our work focuses on three key areas:

- **Translational Knowledge**
  We lead vibrant collaborations of academics, practitioners, and other stakeholders to advance sustainability scholarship and influence real-world decisions.

- **Transformative Learning**
  We cultivate sustainability leaders by helping students engage across disciplines, appreciate diversity, think systemically, and pursue action-based learning worldwide.

- **Institutional Leadership**
  We propel sustainability excellence throughout the University of Michigan by planning, coordinating, and administering university-wide sustainability strategies and activities.

Sustainability Blocks
To help advance work on sustainability topics, the Graham Institute would like to encourage the formation of M-Cubed Blocks. We define sustainability as encompassing solutions-driven scholarship and practice that seeks to safeguard the planet’s life-support systems and enhance quality of life for present and future generations. It draws from multiple disciplines of the natural, social, engineering, design, and health sciences; from the professions and humanities; and from practical field experience in business, government, and civil society.

Support for Sustainability Blocks
If at least three cubes (any combination of conventional or mini cubes) form a M-Cubed Block, the Graham Institute may provide the following after discussion with the funded cubes:

- $10,000 in additional unrestricted funds for the work of the block,
- Office (one workspace per block) and conference space, and
- Assistance with project facilitation and external stakeholder engagement.

At the end of activities, supported sustainability blocks will be required to submit a 2 page report of key outcomes and potential next steps to the Graham Institute.

If you are considering forming a sustainability block or would like assistance forming one, contact: John Callewaert, Integrated Assessment Director, jcallew@umich.edu, 734-615-37652