

## Results of Competition: VIA Project Energy Catalyst R5 Late Stage

Competition Code: 1810\_CRD\_CGI\_ECSPECPRO

Total available funding is £850,000

Note: These proposals have succeeded in the assessment stage of this competition. All are subject to grant offer and conditions being met.

Participant organisation names	Project title	Proposed project costs	Proposed project grant
Village Infrastructure Angels Ltd	Solarizing food and food processing for emerging markets	£1,366,034	£730,000
Project Support Services		£220,000	£120,000

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## Project description - provided by applicants

VIA is a UK based organization that helps deliver poverty-alleviating micro infrastructure to low income communities in developing countries. "Solarizing Food" will help to improve the efficiency and cost of the solar powered mills that have been brought to market with our partner [www.psspng.com](http://www.psspng.com). Such mills reduce reliance on diesel mills and manual processing of crops, mostly by women, that takes up to 1 hour per day. In addition, VIA will bring to market solar electric insulated pot cookers, that can reduce reliance on unsustainable fuels such as charcoal, wood, kerosene and gas. The project will run from September 2019 to August 2022 and will help deliver 550 mills and 550 cookers to market for thorough field testing via a two-stage process of 50 alpha and 500 beta product designs in two 18-month periods. The project will also aim to raise at least GBP 500,000 in cofunding from interested partners - please contact us on [info@villageinfrastructure.org](mailto:info@villageinfrastructure.org) if this is of interest.

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