

Top 50 International Grants Awarded by Foundations for Access to Water, circa 2008

Recipient	Recipient		Foundation		Amount	Purpose
	State/Country	Foundation	State	Foundation		
1. International Water and Sanitation Center	Netherlands	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA		\$24,074,261	To develop replicable, country-specific models for sustainable rural Water supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services while catalyzing changes in sector behavior necessary for models to be applied at national and international levels
2. Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology	India	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA		9,840,056	To support state and urban governments in India to develop sustainable benchmarking of water supply and sanitation services
3. Transparency International	Germany	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA		6,869,633	To improve civil society capacity to demand better governance in delivery of basic services including education, health, and water in 8 sub-Saharan African nations
4. Catholic Relief Services	MD	Howard G. Buffett Foundation	IL		4,332,553	For global water initiative in Central America Cluster. Grant made in form of stock
5. Blue Planet Run Foundation	CA	Dow Chemical Company Foundation	MI		3,000,000	Unspecified
6. Acumen Fund	NY	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA		2,602,291	To develop and pilot safe water transportation and storage products and services for world's poorest people by applying human-centered approach to innovation and design
7. United States Fund for UNICEF	NY	Mercury Foundation of New York	NY		2,596,163	To help save, protect and improve the lives of children in developing countries through immunization, education, health care, nutrition, clean water, and sanitation
8. UNICEF	NY	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV		1,300,000	To continue participation in Phase I of WAWI, providing clean water and sanitation in Ghana, Mali, and Niger
9. International Water Management Institute	Sri Lanka	Rockefeller Foundation	NY		994,537	To assess availability and sustainability of groundwater resources in sub-Saharan African countries and, where appropriate, developing these resources to provide greater food security and enhance agricultural development
10. Samaj Pragati Sahayog	India	Ford Foundation	NY		750,000	For endowment support to ensure long-term sustainability of SPS's watershed management and livelihoods programs and for program and operational support as organization builds endowment
11. Living Water International	TX	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV		624,220	For Millennium Water Program in Ethiopia
12. Tides Canada Foundation	Canada	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA		529,629	To complete and implement conservation financing deal for protection of Great Bear Rainforest and to launch two new organizations known collectively as Coast Opportunities Funds that will manage conservation investments in the region
13. Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust	India	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV		516,000	Toward implementation of Himmothan Pariyojana Initiative to improve community health and standard of living through provision of clean drinking water and environmental sanitation
14. Center for Global Development	DC	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV		500,000	For general operating support with emphasis on water-related research, and support of Hilton Prize Laureates to match Gates Foundation
15. Blue Planet Run Foundation	CA	Marin Community Foundation	CA		500,000	For general operating support
16. Global Center	Iceland	Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY		500,000	For one-time grant toward research, analysis and training on water-related security and humanitarian challenges to South Asia posed by melting Himalaya glaciers
17. Meridian Institute	CO	David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA		495,000	To convene and help Joint Ocean Commission Initiative

18. World Vision	WA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	450,000	To expand WAWI activities in Ghana and Mali including water quality testing, and additional activities of WAWI secretariat. (on 1:1 matching basis)
19. Wateraid America	NY	Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund	CA	450,000	To ensure rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia have access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene education
20. Strategic Foresight Group	India	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	400,000	For policy research on water resource conflict in Asia
21. Save the Children Federation	CT	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	400,000	For long-term recovery efforts after Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar, with emphasis on water and sanitation projects
22. Global Water Challenge	DC	David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	400,000	For Clean Start Fund for water, sanitation and hygiene education for schools in Mexico
23. Stanford University	CA	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	387,330	To assess technical and institutional options for improving sustainability of rural water supply service delivery in Mozambique
24. World Vision	WA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	375,000	Toward Ghana Rural Water Project to provide potable water, sanitation and health and hygiene education to communities and expand to Northern Region of Ghana
25. World Vision	WA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	325,000	To expand WAWI activities in Ghana and Mali including water quality testing, and additional activities of WAWI secretariat. (on 1:1 matching basis)
26. Instituto del Bien Comun	Peru	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	325,000	To integrate management of Pachitea watershed
27. Friends of the Earth-Middle East	Israel	Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund	CA	318,000	To restore lower Jordan River by decreasing pollution and increasing flow of clean water
28. Water Advocates	DC	Wallace Genetic Foundation	DC	300,000	For general support
29. International Rivers Network	CA	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	300,000	For general support
30. International Rivers Network	CA	Ford Foundation	NY	300,000	For global movement building on issues of energy and water
31. CARE USA	GA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	283,000	For Millennium Water Program in Ethiopia
32. Alternatives and Social Participation Processes	Mexico	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	250,000	Toward Water Forever Program
33. World Vision	WA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	250,000	For drilling of wet wells including pump maintenance and repair, in Maradi and Zinder Departments, Niger, West Africa
34. Living Water International	TX	Rees-Jones Foundation	TX	250,000	For new wells and the rehabilitation of inoperable water wells in Liberia
35. Foundation for Irrigation and Sustainable Development	Malawi	W.K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	250,000	To improve livelihoods of smallholder farmers and HIV/AIDS-affected households in rural areas of Lilongwe District through promoting sustainable agricultural production and income diversification activities
36. Catholic Relief Services	MD	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	250,000	Toward provision of clean water and sanitation through support of Abyei Resource Center in southern Sudan; implemented in partnership with KUSH International
37. Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor	England	Rockefeller Foundation	NY	249,900	Toward building capacity of community and local service groups and of testing innovative water and sanitation delivery systems in Gatwekera, Nairobi and surrounding municipality to provide sustainable, equitable and affordable water and sanitation services
38. Maji na Ufanisi	Kenya	Ford Foundation	NY	225,300	For tie-off support to build capacity for effective, environmentally friendly and profitable solid waste management systems in selected informal settlements in Nairobi

39.	UNICEF	NY	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	215,000	For clean water and sanitation to advance guinea worm eradication in Ghana outside of WAWI targeted region
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41.	Business for Social Responsibility	CA	Rockefeller Brothers Fund	NY	200,000	For project, Water and Environmental Health: Building Constituencies in Southern China
42.	World Vision	WA	Sandy River Charitable Foundation	ME	200,000	For Senegal water project
43.	Nature Conservancy	VA	New York Community Trust	NY	175,000	For Panama Project including Darien National Park and for Quicksand Pond Area Land Preservation Project
44.	Oxfam America	MA	Silicon Valley Community Foundation	CA	166,667	For Clean Water Projects in Zambia and Ethiopia
45.	World Vision	WA	Stewardship Foundation	WA	150,000	For West Africa Potable Water Development
46.	CARE USA	GA	Michael and Susan Dell Foundation	TX	150,000	For water projects and performance monitoring in Ethiopia
47.	International Rivers Network	CA	Kendeda Fund	DE	150,000	For general and unrestricted support
48.	Oxfam America	MA	The Oregon Community Foundation	OR	150,000	To extend support of water supply work in Ethiopia
49.	World Vision	WA	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	150,000	To expand WAWI activities in Ghana and Mali including water quality testing, and additional activities of WAWI secretariat on 1:1 matching basis
50.	Christian Childrens Fund	VA	H.C.S. Foundation	OH	125,000	Toward installing main water pipes and pipes to individual houses in El Alto, Bolivia

Source: The Foundation Center. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. "International" grants include grants awarded directly to overseas recipients and for U.S.-based international programs.

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