

# Sawyer Foundation

Request for Grant Proposals

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## A. Purpose of the Program

The Sawyer Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that partners with charities to change lives around the world by increasing access to clean drinking water through proven filtration technologies. These projects empower organizations to collaborate with the Sawyer Foundation in its global mission to support under-resourced communities in achieving safe, sustainable water solutions.

Our Foundation provides grants to support clean water initiatives in underserved areas. While we recognize the effectiveness of Sawyer's<sup>1</sup> Point of Use water filters, we encourage the use of reliable, proven filtration methods that align with best practices for implementation, training, and follow-up. Grant funds may only be used to support implementation, training, follow-up, and other programmatic costs.

## B. Award Information and Submission Guidelines

Estimated Size of Awards:	Grants will be awarded based on available funding and the number of applications approved. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.
Estimated Use of Grant Funds:	Grant funds must support clean water projects that aim to improve access to safe drinking water using proven filtration or purification methods that follow recognized best practices. Projects may include the use of Sawyer water filters or other comparable technologies, at the discretion of the implementing organization.

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### <sup>1</sup> **Note on How Sawyer and the Sawyer Foundation Work Together:**

*The Sawyer Foundation is the nonprofit arm of Sawyer Products ("Sawyer"), working in partnership to expand access to clean water around the world. While we share a common mission, each entity plays a distinct role—Sawyer may support global efforts through product donations, while the Foundation focuses on providing strategic grant funding to nonprofit partners. Together, we make a greater impact—each operating in our own lane.*

*Sawyer, a separate for-profit entity, may choose at its own discretion to donate water filters directly to nonprofit organizations. These donations are made independently of the Sawyer Foundation and are not coordinated with or contingent upon the Foundation's grant decisions. Any such in-kind donations must be arranged directly between Sawyer and the recipient organization and is not considered part of the Foundation's grant award.*

	<p>Recipients may use funds for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Implementation support costs</b>, such as travel, local stipends, training materials, and supplies (e.g., buckets, soap, laminated guides)</li> <li>• <b>Program sustainability activities</b>, such as follow-up visits, monitoring, and basic data collection</li> <li>• <b>Other essential expenses</b> that support the delivery, training, and ongoing success of clean water solutions, excluding the direct purchase of water filters using grant funds.</li> </ul> <p>We encourage transparency and sound stewardship of resources to ensure long-term impact and alignment with community needs.</p>
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## C. Eligibility and Review Process

For the purposes of this grant, we require submissions to come from organizations classified as a 501(c)(3) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or from international applicants affiliated with the equivalent of a registered nonprofit or non-governmental organization in their country. Documentation of nonprofit status may be requested.

### Review Process

Grant reviewers may consider factors such as:

- Geographic or socioeconomic need
- Alignment with [Sawyer Best Practices](#)
- Prior partnership or experience with Sawyer or the Sawyer Foundation, including how often and in what capacity your organization has engaged with us

All decisions are made at the discretion of the Sawyer Foundation and are final.

## D. How to Submit

To apply, please email a single PDF document to [grants@sawyerfoundation.org](mailto:grants@sawyerfoundation.org) with the subject line: **“Sawyer Grant Application – [Your Organization Name]”**

Your application should include:

- Grant Cover Page (Appendix A)
- Basic organization and contact information
- A brief project overview (no more than 1-2 pages)
- A simple budget outline
- A signed statement of assurance (See Appendix B)

You are welcome to include any photos, stories, or links that help explain your work. We recommend keeping the total submission to **5 pages or less**, not including optional attachments.

There are no strict formatting rules—just make sure it’s clear and easy to read. We are excited to learn more about your project!

## E. Appendices

### Appendix A: Grant Cover Page

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#### GRANT COVER PAGE

<b>Name and Title of Primary Contact:</b>	<b>Date of Application:</b>
<b>Phone Number of Primary Contact:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget and Grant Amount Requested from the Sawyer Foundation:</b>
<b>Email Address of Primary Contact:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>
<b>Address of Primary Contact:</b>	<b>Estimated Number of People Served in this Project:</b>
<b>Number of Years as a 501(c)(3):</b>	<b>Number of Successful Filter Distribution Projects Completed:</b>
<b>Number of Years as a Sawyer Customer:</b> <i>(Leave blank if not applicable. This response does not affect eligibility.)</i>	<b>Number of Follow-Ups Your Organization Typically Conducts Per Household After a Filter Distribution:</b>

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*Name of Primary Contact*

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*Signature of Primary Contact*

## Appendix B: Page of Assurances

By signing below, I assure the Sawyer Foundation that I am an official representative of the organization and authorized to bind the organization. I certify the following:

<i>Initials</i>	<i>Assurance Statement</i>
	The information provided in this proposal is correct and complete.
	The applicant understands that this proposal and all attachments submitted may be considered public records.
	<p>The applicant agrees to the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide basic administrative support to carry out the program effectively.</li><li>• Designate appropriate personnel and time to implement the project activities.</li><li>• Use the grant funds responsibly, with simple record-keeping of expenditures for the duration of your project. Grantees will have up to three years to spend the awarded funds.</li><li>• Ensure the project is implemented in accordance with best practices for filter distribution, training, and follow-up. If Sawyer water filters are used, <a href="#">Sawyer's Best Practices</a> may serve as a model.</li><li>• Attend a <b>quarterly virtual meeting</b> with the Sawyer Foundation team to share project updates, seek approval for any significant changes, and receive coaching or support as needed.</li><li>• Submit a brief <b>one-page report within 60 days of project completion</b>, highlighting the impact of the Sawyer Foundation's funding.</li><li>• Include <b>a few high-quality photos</b> that Sawyer and the Sawyer Foundation have permission to use in <b>marketing and communications</b>.</li><li>• Participate in any follow-up communication as requested by the Sawyer Foundation.</li></ul>

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*Name of Primary Contact*

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*Signature of Primary Contact*