Grant Making Evaluation Criteria
Adopted by the Board of Directors: July 19, 2005
Amended by the Board of Directors: December 13, 2009

1) Project must be for potable drinking water supply using ground water resources.

2) Project must be to serve the general public in a community type setting, and not for an institutional or governmental supply.

3) Project must be for work to be completed in the low income, developing, or “third world” nations of the world as defined by The World Bank or some other equivalent international body, such as the United Nations.

4) A proposal of no less than two and no more than five full letter size typewritten pages should at a minimum describe the scope of the proposed project, where the project will be completed, for whom the project will be completed, by whom the project will be completed, and how many people are intended to directly benefit from the proposed project. Additional informative description is welcomed, but should not exceed the five page limit.

5) The National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation (NGWREF) will make matching grants only to established 501 c (3) charitable foundations, or their generally recognized equivalent formally organized in nations other than the United States. The grant seeking organization should provide with its proposal a copy of its most recent 990 informational tax return to the IRS, or some other equivalent official accounting of financial activity.
6) Grant receiving charitable foundations should have a history of not less than three years of demonstrated success in projects for potable drinking water supply using ground water resources. The grant seeking organization should provide with its proposal written documentation of its successful completion of these projects, preferably from a third party not affiliated with the grant seeking organization that can attest to the completed work.

7) To date, the Foundation Board has elected not to award grants in excess of $6,000. Multiple grant applications for multiple projects are acceptable, but multiple grant applications for the same project are not.

8) Grants from the NGWREF are dollar-for-dollar matches for materials and supplies, and not for labor or professional services.

9) Planning to accomplish a project utilizing ground water professionals that are members of the National Ground Water Association is a plus, but not a requirement.

10) After completion of the project the grant seeking organization must provide written and photographic documentation of its successful completion of the funded project, preferably from a third party not affiliated with the grant seeking organization that will attest to the completed work. The grant seeking organization must also provide, in article form not exceeding 5000 words, a summary of the completed project (including photographs) and its projected benefits. The article may be used, in whole or part, by the National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation to report on the work being accomplished on behalf of the organization.

Procedures for Processing Developing World Fund Grant Proposal Receipt, Review, Acceptance and Funding

1) The Foundation will accept proposals prior to January 15 of each year. Our official action on your proposal will be announced on or before March 1 of the same year.

2) The Foundation Executive Director shall send acknowledgement of the Foundation’s receipt of Developing World grant proposals within ten (10) business days.

3) The Executive Director shall post to the NGWREF tab at www.mygroundwater.org Developing World Fund grant proposals as they become available. This is a tool available to directors of the Foundation.
4) The Foundation Board shall review all proposals in hand between January 16 and February 28 of each calendar year.

5) The Foundation Board shall submit their selections to the Foundation Executive Director on or before March 1 of the funding year.

6) Proposals submitted but not funded are discarded by the Foundation.

7) The Foundation Board holds the right not to fund any or all proposals.

8) The Foundation Executive Director will communicate on or about March 1 the Foundation’s funding decisions to grant applicants.

9) Since meritorious requests will exceed available funds, the NGWREF Board may reduce budgets to extend the number of proposals that can be supported.

10) Payment of the grant (“Grant Awards”) shall be in the amount, and pursuant to the terms specified in the RFP with respect to which the proposal was submitted.

11) The NGWREF Grant Award shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days of acceptance of the proposal.

12) When due, grant awards will be paid by NGWREF check to the grant recipient in U.S. Dollars, or in an equivalent amount of local currency based on the foreign exchange rate in effect on the date of the payment.

13) The Foundation is not responsible for payment of any grant, or any part of any Grant, to any party other than the proposing organization. The grant recipient acknowledges and understands the grant awards represent complete payment.

Queries and/or proposals may be directed prior to January 15 of the proposed funding year to:

Developing World Fund
National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation
601 Dempsey Road
Westerville, Ohio 43081

Or by email to ngwref@ngwa.org
Or by fax to: 614 898.7786

Acknowledgement of our receipt of your proposal will be made within 5 business days.