

Guidelines for the Japan Water Forum Fund 2026

**BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION,
PLEASE READ THROUGH THESE GUIDELINES.**

■ Objective

The Japan Water Forum Fund (JWF Fund) aims to help solve of local water-related issues in developing countries by assisting in the implementation of sustainable solutions led by grassroots organizations.

■ What is the JWF Fund?

Every year, the JWF publicly seeks out projects to assist. This year, the JWF Fund will provide grants of up to USD1,500 per project, to be determined after due assessment. To ensure sustainability, we highly value projects utilizing local resources, knowledge and technologies.

The JWF Fund is made up of JWF membership fees and general donations. During the past 21 years, the JWF Fund has supported 209 projects in 33 countries, benefiting more than 280,000 people. Please find below for your information.

<https://www.waterforum.jp/en/what-we-do/jwf/>

■ How much are the grants?

Up to **US\$1,500** per project

In JWF Fund 2026, around five projects will be funded.

*One application/project per group will be accepted. No application will be accepted from a group that submits two or more applications/projects.

■ Who can apply?

- Any active local grassroots organization working in a country or territory classified as a Least Developed Country (LDC), Low Income Country (LIC), Lower Middle-Income Country (LMIC) according to the OECD's DAC list can apply for the JWF Fund.

<https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/topics/policy-sub-issues/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2025-flows.pdf>

- National governments, local governments, private companies, funding institutions, international organizations, and religious groups cannot apply for the fund.
- Please identify in the application form your website and/or social media page, in order to provide information regarding the above-mentioned conditions.

■ What type of projects will be selected?

Projects of the following types will be considered:

- ◇ Construction or repair of a water supply resource, such as a well and reservoir
- ◇ Installation of a small-scale water supply system
- ◇ Construction or repair of sanitation and hygiene facilities
- ◇ Maintenance/improvement of a water resource environment
- ◇ Installation or promotion of a water-efficient irrigation system
- ◇ Implementation of a water-related disaster risk mitigation program

For projects falling outside of the above themes, please specify the theme on the online form.

It is advisable that the project includes awareness-raising or training programs for capacity-building in order to enhance sustainability of the project.

*On the application form, please describe in detail the current situation and problems in the project area, the planned activities, and expected results of the project.

■ What is the fund recipient required to do?

The selected projects must begin as soon as the advance grant amount of one thousand U.S. Dollars(USD1,000) are received, which will be at the end of September 2026. Activities in the field should be completed by the end of February 2027. Recipients must submit brief progress reports, as well as a final report with photos. The final report must be submitted after project completion, by 31st March, 2027 and five hundred U.S. dollars(USD500) shall be paid once the final report is approved by JWF. Parts or any of the progress and final reports can be used by Japan Water Forum for public relations and other purposes.

Recipients are required to pay close attention to the COVID-19 situation at the project site and take preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19 when implementing the project.

■ How will the recipients be selected?

All applications will be reviewed by the JWF Fund selection committee. The committee will consider relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability of the proposed project. The results of the selection will be announced by the middle of September 2026.

■ How to apply

The JWF will begin calling for applications on June 1st 2026. Applications must be submitted to the JWF through the designated website no later than 6:00 pm (JST) on June 30th 2027. All applications must be filled out using the prescribed format and written in English.

Once applications are accepted, changes will not be accepted.

Submit applications to:

https://form.jotform.com/Japan_Water_Forum/JWFFUND26

Deadline for submissions: 6:00 pm. (JST) on June 30th 2026.

For inquiries, please contact us by e-mail: jwffund@waterforum.jp

If you have a technical inquiry, please put the words, "TI: JWF Fund 2026" in the subject line.