

WEF 2026 Grant Application Proposal

1. Introduction

Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a 501(c)3 organization that produces Jammin'4Water, an annual amateur music event scheduled to coincide with the WEFTEC conference.

Jammin'4Water (J4W) proceeds benefit Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) focused charities through this application and selection process. WASH Charities interested in receiving funds must prepare this brief Grant Application Proposal (GAP) so that background information is available on proposed projects and a selection committee may award funds based on likelihood of success and impact to the community.

WASH organizations may submit a GAP for multiple projects, completing a different application for each proposed project. Please keep in mind that the WEF Board anticipates more than 20 applications. Actual funding could vary based on attendance, support, event expenses, and grant interest, and other factors.

2. Schedule

The following deadlines and milestones relate to the 2026 grant application process:

Grant Application Schedule		
Date	Milestone	Notes
7/13/2026	Grant RFP Issued	
8/14/2026	Grant Proposals Due	Midnight EDT: Please submit a single PDF with all supporting information included.
9/14/2026	Grant Award Notifications	Via email to joshdonegan@gmail.com
9/27/2026	4:00 pm - Charity Happy Hours Location To Be Announced 6:00 pm - Jammin'4Water 2026 in New Orleans	Attendance Preferred
9/28/2026	10:00 am - Charity Brunch Location To Be Announced	Attendance Preferred

3. Grant Application Selection Process

The WEF J4W Steering Committee approves and awards all grants made by WEF. The number of requests for WEF Grants, combined with the uncertainty about the amount of grant funds available prior to August requires that the available funds be divided among the requesting organizations. A steering committee and the WEF Board approves grants in the best interest of the recipients, WEF, and J4W but considers the following criteria:

- a. Relevance of project scopes and requested funding amounts
- b. Likelihood of continued success in delivering WASH projects and programs
- c. Success of previous WEF grant projects and similar projects funded separately
- d. Demonstration of maintenance of previous projects
- e. Continuation of successful ongoing projects/programs

For additional information on the selection criteria, please see Attachment A included in the GAP application on the website. An objective of the WEF Board of Directors is to provide grants for organizations supporting individuals involved in the WEF and WEFTEC Community who would likely attend WEFTEC regularly and are therefore available to share their project successes during J4W and WEFTEC in general, as well as mentor/assist the SYPC Committee in WASH project involvement.

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Grants may be provided for infrastructure and other materials, educational materials, and travel expenses to project locations for individuals participating at the discretion of WEF. WEF funds actual project expenses to the organizations that execute projects rather than overhead costs or pass-through grants.

WEF does not fund salaries or stipends for individuals working on projects. WEF does not fund travel to WEFTEC for WASH Charities, Musicians, Board Members or any other individual. Grant requests may be partially funded at the discretion of the WEF.

The decision of the WEF Board of Directors is final in terms of organizations approved for grants and the amount of funding provided. GAP submission signifies agreement all requirements of this document.

4. Awards Presentation

During J4W a break from the music will be taken to introduce award recipients and thank the attendees and supporters for providing financial backing to make J4W possible. Charitable organizations are encouraged but not required to attend.

5. Charitable Organization Activities at Jammin'4Water

On Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 pm Charitable Organizations meet for a Happy Hour Meet and Greet and depart for Jammin'4Water at 6:00 pm together. This year the meeting will be announced as we get closer to the event. On Sunday, September 28th, Water Charities Fundraising hosts a Charity Brunch to provide an opportunity for the awardees to network among each other. Attendance is preferred. The location will be announced closer to the event.

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6. WEF Non-Liability

The applicant shall be responsible for the conduct of the project and the activities in the work supported by this grant. The applicant acknowledges and agrees that WEF is providing funding only and shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the design, conduct, implementation, results, conclusions, outcomes, use, or consequences of the research, whether or not the work achieves its stated objectives. The applicant shall be solely responsible for the conduct of the work and for compliance with all

applicable laws, regulations, ethical standards, approvals, permits, and institutional requirements relating thereto. The applicant expressly assumes all risks arising out of or relating to the work, including any risks of personal injury, death, property damage, loss of data, or other harm or loss of any kind. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, WEF shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential, special, or punitive damages, including loss of profits, loss of opportunity, loss of revenue, or loss of anticipated savings, arising out of or related to the grant. Without limiting the foregoing, the aggregate liability of WEF shall not exceed the total amount of grant funds actually disbursed by WEF to the applicant under this document.

7. Proposal Confidentiality

GAP proposals will be reviewed confidentially among the WEF Board of Directors and other interested individuals (musicians, supporters, volunteers) involved with J4W but not involved in any WASH charities. Prior to the announcement of awards, proposal contents will not be disclosed to the public or other proposers.

Following the announcement of awards, all proposals will be made available by request for public review. By submitting a proposal, each submitting organization agrees to this disclosure procedure.

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8. Questions and Addenda

All questions regarding this GAP should be submitted in writing to the selection committee chair; joshdonegan@gmail.com prior to July 28, 2026.

Any addenda issued to this GAP will be posted by WEF on various media channels.

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9. Certification & Acknowledgments

Applicant will not use WEF's name, trademarks or logo without WEF's prior written consent.

By signing below, the applicant certifies that (i) it is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization in good standing, (ii) grant funds will be used solely for the purposes as stated herein, and (iii) all information provided in this application and accompanying proposal is true and accurate.