

Rivers of the World Announcement for Grant Proposal July 2025



Lake - Boston Public Garden, Sep 3, 2022

Proposal Topics –

💧 Awareness Program ; 💧 Remote Sensing Technologies/GIS; 💧 Water and Wastewater treatment technologies; 💧 Municipal Solid Waste management; 💧 River, Life, and Health; 💧 Developing a small water testing facility; 💧 Data Collection Centre; 💧 Encouraging youth to pursue Environmental Sciences as a career choice; 💧 Establish local Climate center to record the daily Temp. precipitation; wind speed and direction, humidity, atmospheric pressure and any other relevant parameters; 💧 Water management; 💧 Erosion control measures; and 💧 flood protection and stormwater runoff management.

Important Dates: → **Draft outline-Title and -Who, What, Where Bullets by July 15th Tuesday** →
Zoom Meeting with Draft submitters - July 16th → **Final Proposal Deadline July 31st Thursday**

The Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation¹ a Tax-Exempt 501(c)3 Charitable organization invites proposals from the **ROW Volunteers/Members** to submit requests for proposal to conduct specific environmental and water related on-the-ground- projects and activities as listed below. The primary goal of these activities includes protection and restoration of human health and the environment for the local communities. The numbers of grants (1 to 15) and the amount of each grant, will be solely dependent upon the merits of the proposal as determined by the Rivers of the World ROW Foundation, Inc. Any unfair demand or request will count towards rejection of the applicant.

The timeframe for project completion with validation supported by pictures and reports will be limited to a maximum of 14 months . For incomplete projects, unless justified with proper reasons, such as natural calamities, the recipient will lose their remaining grant amount opportunity for any follow up projects and will cease to receive additional funding for the project.

A few of our **2024 July projects** have already **been completed** and Draft Final reports submitted. A few others from Karnataka, UP and Uttarakhand are progressing well. A picture below shows the Pond rejuvenation project in Sambalpur, Odisha.



2024 ROW Grant project - Katardua Pond Rejuvenation by Prof. Anil Kar, Asst. Prof. Abahaya Nayak, Grad student volunteers, VSSUT and local community. Local people are maintaining to keep the bank clean. **Project completed – ● Excellent teamwork ● 30% cost share using volunteer time, and expenses**

¹ Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation is a Tax-Exempt (501(c)3) Organization. All contributions to the ROW Foundation (Fed. Tax ID 26-062-3120) qualify to be deductible from U.S. income taxes. All Rivers of the World Foundation team members are participating on their personal time and contributing their personal funds. No volunteer of the foundation is receiving any compensation. They are conducting the activities in compliance with applicable regulations (US 18 U.S.C. 207 , 5 CFR 2635, and others; India - IPC for Ethics) in their respective countries.

The focus will be development of communities in the context of their growing aspirations to improve the quality of Life and the environment. The project proposals based upon environmental development, water related challenges, household waste management and proper disposal practices and education for rural communities, especially children and young students would be of high value.

1. Background

The Himalayas are remarkably diverse and of global importance as the center of biological diversity. Its greatest values may be the sources of the major rivers, ecosystem and high levels of biodiversity.

The survival of these ecosystems and wildlife are now threatened by human activities, such as timber harvesting, intensive grazing by livestock and agricultural expansion into forestlands, and various factors affecting climate change.

The most recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that global warming will lead to **“changes in all components of the freshwater system,”** and concludes that **“water and its availability and quality will be the main pressures on, and issues for, societies and the environment under climate change.”**

In the state of Uttarakhand (India) it is clearly visible that the growth is limited by reduced water supplies from depleted groundwater and shrinking glaciers that sustain key rivers. India's drinking water crisis has become severe over the past decade. Increasing demands on available water resources for intensive agricultural practices and industrial use, together with deteriorating water quality, constrain drinking water availability despite massive outlays for drinking water and sanitation infrastructure.

Acute drinking water shortage due to drastic fall in water levels in major reservoirs, continuing crisis in agriculture and a harsh summer have made this the worst. Probably our *next generation* will suffer a lot. To prevent a disastrous water crisis, unprecedented floods, fires and resulting sufferance, we'd like to encourage the government, the non-government, the society, and the local communities as a whole to wake up and work together to meet these challenges due to climate madness and build *climate resilience* and begin *climate reversal* steps.

2. Specific Activities for this Proposal

As listed above, the following activities are listed again for the applicants to choose one or two of these activities and submit their proposal.

Only one proposal from a particular entity/**ROW- member** will be considered.

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| I. Awareness Program | III. Wastewater and water treatment technologies |
| II. Remote Sensing Technologies/GIS | |

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| IV. Proper management and disposal of Household waste including local community training and awareness program | IX. Establish local Climate center to record the daily Temp., precipitation, wind speed and direction, humidity, atmospheric pressure and any other relevant parameters. |
| V. River, Life, and Health | X. Water management, ideas for erosion control, flood protection and stormwater runoff management. |
| VI. Developing a small water testing facility | |
| VII. Data Collection Centre | |
| VIII. Encouraging youth to pursue careers in Environmental Sciences | |

Project partnership by the applicant/community is mandatory.

For example, if your proposal is for INR100,000, you have to participate in the project with your own share of 20-40% by conducting a part of the project with your own volunteers with their time and efforts, travel etc. cost, estimated as part of the project cost determined by the specific circumstances. **This partnership effort must be clearly written in the proposal.** Please provide your background and details of any past activities or award from the ROW Foundation, such as World Water Day (WWD) with the ROW Foundation

Email for the Submission of Online Proposals rowfoundation@gmail.com and subijoy@gmail.com

You MUST provide your valid/clear **email address** for correspondence. All efforts MUST be made by the applicant to prevent copy/paste of unknown/virus-laden contents from the internet.

3. A **Draft outline** of the proposal with one or two of the Specific topics (item 2. Above) should reach rowfoundation@gmail.com by **July 15th** It could be a short email indicating your plan/intent to submit a proposal.
4. ROW foundation will send a Zoom link inviting the Draft submitters for a **Zoom meeting July 16, 2025** to clarify common questions and provide ROW expectations of coverage in the final proposal submission by everyone.
5. **Last Date and Time for Submission Proposals using email attachment: 31st July 2025, Midnight US Eastern (New York time)**
(Language English)