

Legacy Gift Fund Project Grant Applications Are Now Being Accepted!

Many of you are involved with, or know about, worthy benevolent projects in your community or elsewhere. Many of them provide us and others an opportunity to pay forward the **“Build a Better World”** values we learned during our careers with CH2M HILL. Such worthy *Pay-it-Forward (PIF)* projects usually require financial support and donations from volunteer participants and other project sponsors.

In 2025, the CH2M HILL Alumni Association’s Legacy Gift Fund (LGF) will be awarding grants to help offset the cost of selected worthy projects. These Alumni PIF Project grants, with a 2025 total award sum of \$5,000, come from donations made by our alumni to the LGF, who seek to extend the legacy of CH2M HILL far into the future.

These grants can be recommended by a former CH2M HILL employee who is also a member of the CH2M HILL Alumni Association (CHAA). Don’t worry if you are not currently a CHAA member, you can join as you make your application (see below). You can recommend a project that you or other alumni are involved in, or simply a worthy project you believe is eligible and will benefit from additional funding.

Possible LGF Supported Alumni Pay-it-Forward (PIF) Project Grants

The purpose of this LGF Project Grant Program is to support projects recommended exclusively by CH2M HILL alumni that broadly align with CH2M HILL’s vision to **“Build a Better World.”** Such projects would be those that:

- Provide environmental, water supply, wastewater management, public health, infrastructure, utilities, etc. benefits to groups, communities, and the world, or,
- Improve the quality of life for the needy, hungry, homeless, underserved, underprivileged, ill, special needs, impaired, etc. people in society.

Grant Eligibility Requirements

- The Applicant must be a member of (or join) the CH2M HILL Alumni Association,
- The recipient organization must be based in the United States (although the project itself can be outside the USA),
- The project must be broadly aligned with **“Build a Better World”** as described above,
- The project can be completed and use the grant funding within 24 months, and,
- It is desirable, but not required, that the Applicant and/or other alumni be involved in performing the Project.

Selection Criteria:

- Meets all eligibility requirements,
- Qualifications and experience of Project team and staff are commensurate with Project requirements,
- Extent of alumni involvement,
- Benefits achieved during performance and completion of the Project align with our vision, are clearly described, and can be documented,
- Benefits are achievable, and
- Project has (will have) adequate funding to proceed.

2025 PIF Project Grants

Grant Amount	Any amount up to \$2,500 will be considered but grants in the range of \$250 - \$1,000 will allow more projects to be funded in each grant round.
Number of Grants Awarded	Dependent on how many selected grants can be funded from available allocation.
Total 2025 Grant Allocation	\$5,000
Two Grant Application Rounds	
Round 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum Total Allocation of \$2,500 • Application Deadline - June 30 • Recipients Announced - July 31
Round 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of \$2,500 + unused Round 1 funds • Application Deadline – September 30 • Recipients Announced – October 31

Applicant Instructions

1. Complete the attached application form (fillable PDF). Save the PDF file and include your full name in the file name, e.g. “CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Application – John Smith”. For some relatively small projects, not all the information requested may be readily available, so simply provide the relevant information that you have (we will follow up during the application evaluation period if needed).
2. For all additional sheets, save the file(s) as a PDF (if possible) and include your full name, and a brief description of the content, in the file name, e.g. “Legacy Gift Fund Inc – PIF Project Grant Application – John Smith – *“Insert Your Project’s Name”*”.
3. Email the PDF files of the completed application form, and all supplemental information files, to >> [CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Email](#) by the specified deadline. Label the “Subject” line of the email “Legacy Gift Fund Inc. PIF Project Grant Application”.

Questions: Contact LGF Project Grant Program via email at >> [CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Email](#)

Background

Following the work of CHAA's *Future Focus Task Force*, and with full CHAA Board approval, the CHAA Legacy Gift Fund was created to enhance awareness and understanding of CHAA, expand and sustain the membership of CHAA, and extend and sustain the legacy of CH2M HILL and its people. The Legacy Gift Fund is being administered by a new non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity company – CH2M HILL Alumni Association Legacy Gift Fund, Inc. (LGFI) – with a mission to support the education and actions of future generations of engineers and other professional and technical practitioners. Our goal is to provide one or two academic scholarships per year and to support service projects championed by a CHAA member, as funds allow.

The success of the Legacy Gift Fund, and the associated scholarships and grants, relies on the generosity of individuals or organizations who share LGFI's passion for encouraging education and supporting projects that provide environmental and community benefits. Donations received in 2024 will allow LGFI to support two scholarships and some "Pay-it-Forward" project grants. Building on this momentum, fundraising to meet our 2025 base donation goal of \$15,000 is underway – through your continued generosity LGFI will be able to provide scholarships and project grants in 2025 and beyond.

How You Can Help

All who share the values of our exceptional former firm are encouraged to support LGFI so that our CH2M HILL legacy of engineering excellence and community betterment can continue. **Please consider donating to the Legacy Gift Fund at:** [CHAA Legacy Gift Fund](#).

***CHAA Membership**

Membership in the CHAA is open to any former employee or retiree of CH2M HILL or its acquired CH2M HILL Companies, Ltd., (including individuals currently employed by Jacobs or any other firm or organization), as well as friends of university, client, and contractor affiliates of CH2M HILL or its acquired CH2M HILL Companies, Ltd. For more information on joining the Association, please visit the CHAA website at: [CHAA Membership](#).

CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Scholarship

As a reminder, the Legacy Gift Fund Scholarship was advertised via email on February 14, 2025. Applications are due by May 15, 2024. Information about the scholarship is posted on the CHAA website at <https://ch2mhillalumni.org/legacy-gift-fund/>. Please note that non-US citizens are eligible to apply for the scholarship, but we can't provide payment to institutions outside of the United States. Students must be attending a college/university in the US (we are exploring options for 2026).

If you have questions regarding the CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Alumni Pay-it-forward Project Grants or Scholarships, please contact us via email at: [CHAA Legacy Gift Fund Email](#).

Sincerely,

CHAA Legacy Gift Fund, Inc.