

2025 FAWCO FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT BALLOT

EDUCATION

Project Name: Training Midwives in Haiti: Simulation Mannequin for Safer Births

Location: Cap Haitien, Haiti

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 2 years

Parent Organization: MamaBaby International

Website: www.mamababyhaiti.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Noelle maternal care patient simulator with OMNI software	\$4,235
US sales tax	\$ 275
Free UPS shipping to Florida	\$ 000
Transportation to Haiti by Missionary Flights International	\$ 100
Customs fees	\$ 390
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: At MamaBaby Haiti's two birth clinics, skilled midwives provide life-saving support in one of the most challenging places in the world to give birth. They welcome 1,250 babies annually and provide over 8,000 perinatal appointments – all at no cost – for women who wouldn't otherwise have access to safe healthcare.

Many of the clinic's midwives are graduates of MamaBaby Haiti's tuition-free midwifery school. Training to become a midwife is no small task. Students must prepare for emergencies that can arise in an instant—hemorrhages, umbilical cord prolapse, placenta previa. Being ready for these moments can save lives. Imagine lifelike mannequins—a mother and baby—that replicate pregnancy, labor, and birth. This grant will purchase a “maternal care patient simulator,” allowing students to practice complex procedures in the safe, controlled environment of a makeshift simulation laboratory. Students and clinic staff members can rehearse emergencies, practice suturing, measure cervical dilation, start IVs, perform CPR, and even attend simulated births. It's the kind of cutting-edge training tool used in top hospitals and universities around the world. This simulator would be a gamechanger for MamaBaby Haiti's grassroots clinic: empowering women with critical skills and further protecting the lives of mothers and babies.

Project Name: SPOSA CHILD (Save and Protect our Sexually Abused Child)

Location: Negros province of The Philippines

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 9 years

Parent Organization: SPOSA CHILD

Website: www.sposachild.com

Project Funding Breakdown:

BACHELOR of PSYCHOLOGY Tuition, Housing and Expenses	
Transportation Allowance	\$ 711.96
Project/Contribution/School Supplies	\$ 305.16
Internet Fee/Load	\$ 254.28
Toiletries	\$ 254.28
Food @ \$101.71 x 2 semesters	\$ 203.42
Food @ \$118.66 x 4 semesters	\$ 474.64
Tuition @ \$508.56 x 3 semesters	\$1525.68
Tuition @ \$423.80 x 3 semesters	\$1271.40
TOTAL:	\$5000.82

A SPOSA CHILD sponsor has offered to pay the \$500 in Board Exams costs, which are not included in this grant request.

Purpose of the grant: Incest remains a significant and deeply troubling issue in the Philippines. The experience of sexual abuse changes the way a child understands their world, the people in it and where they belong. Fleeing abuse limits opportunities for recovery and reintegration into communities. SPOSA CHILD (Save and Protect Our Sexually Abused Child) raises and manages funding to support complete primary, secondary, and tertiary education cycles for eight girls. This grant is an educational investment in Jerlyn Mae Samson. As an incest survivor who has navigated her own healing, Jerlyn can serve as a hopeful example of resilience and recovery. Funding will cover all costs for her to complete a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and achieve her dream of becoming a guidance counselor. Jerlyn's experience, combined with her education, will make her a powerful ally in the healing process of other victims.

Project Name: Connected Horizons - Empowering Afghan Women Thru Internet Access

Location: Paris, France

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 1 year

Parent Organization: Hila Initiative

Website: www.hila-initiative.fr

Project Funding Breakdown:

15 monthly internet data packages	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: The Hila Initiative is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that provides online English language classes, cultural exchange, mentorship and mental health support to women in Afghanistan. Our goal is to help these young adult women create a professional and academic path forward, fostering autonomy and economic self-sufficiency.

We are embarking on our second year of activity with 42 students and 4 teachers.

The Connected Horizons project will allow 15 students to effectively participate in the full program by providing monthly internet data packages for one full school year.

Class attendance, student retention and better test scores are all a testament to the success of these internet credits scholarships. We noticed that students, teachers and Conversation Partners alike had much improved communication and level of engagement. The change was immediate.

Through their interactions with teachers and conversation partners, students feel supported by a global network of people who genuinely care about their futures. These moments of connection and mutual understanding are central to what makes the Hila Initiative unique.

Project Name: Overcoming My Challenges

Location: Saida, Lebanon

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 26 years

Parent Organization: Ahlouna Association

Website: www.ahlouna.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Item or Activity	Frequency	Cost per Session	Total Cost
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Speech Therapy, monthly sessions	\$100	\$1,200
Psycho-Motor Therapy, monthly sessions	\$100	\$1,200
Special Education, monthly support	\$83,33	\$1,000
Psychological Counseling for Families, monthly	\$66,67	\$ 800
Educational Materials & Tools	1 Time Cost	\$ 500
Administrative Costs, monthly	\$25	\$ 300
TOTAL:		\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: This project aims to provide essential services for 50 children under 18 with learning and developmental disabilities, including conditions like ADHD and dyslexia. These children face significant challenges due to social stigma and limited resources because of Lebanon’s ongoing crises — including the economic collapse, the COVID-19 pandemic, the August 4th Beirut explosion, and the 2023-2024 war. These challenges have severely impacted mental health services and left many families struggling without support. This initiative endeavors to alleviate psychological distress, improve learning outcomes, and equip children and their families with tools to manage their day-to-day obstacles. By addressing these needs, Overcoming My Challenges promotes a more inclusive, resilient, and understanding community so children with learning and developmental difficulties can access quality education and become lifelong learners. The Overcoming Challenges Project offers comprehensive care through therapy, education, and family guidance. The \$5,000 Development Grant will fund 12 months of services, including speech therapy, psycho-motor therapy, special education support, and psychological counselling for families. Funds will also cover educational materials and administrative costs to ensure effective coordination.

Project Name: CampConnect for at Risk Youth in Vietnam

Location: Virtual (students are based in Mekong Delta and Central Vietnam)

Application Club’s Length of Affiliation: more than 5 years

Parent Organization: Pacific Links Foundation

Website: www.pacificlinks.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

1 month internet access for 900 students	\$3,529.41
21 Zoom accounts	\$ 470.59
Earbuds for 900 students	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: Many disadvantaged students in remote areas of Vietnam face limited education access and economic hardship, leaving them unprepared for the workforce and vulnerable to trafficking and forced labor. Pacific Links Foundation, a women-led U.S. organization, with 20+ years of experience in empowering 250,000+ women and youth, seeks a \$5,000 Development Grant to provide one month of internet (\$3,530), Zoom (\$470) and earbuds (\$1,000) for 900 scholarship students (85% are girls), to attend CampConnect, a transformative 4-day virtual camp, and post-camp activities enhancing workforce readiness, digital literacy and STEM career awareness.

CampConnect features 75-minute workshop sessions (covering life skills, self-awareness, career exploration, networking, leadership, and trafficking prevention) led by volunteers, team-building activities, a talent show, and an English debate. Post-camp, students can access their online learning platform (500K+ learning hours delivered) for English tutoring, self-paced English courses with AI tools, and skill-building workshops. This project bridges the gap between education and employment, promoting equal access to learning for academic and professional success while reducing exploitation risks, and advancing UN Sustainable Development Goal #4 (Quality Education). It leads to economic and social empowerment for students, particularly girls, to thrive in the digital workforce, and transform communities.

Project Name: Education Support: to help refugee women and girls in South Florida (RAA)

Location: Miami Dade County and Broward County South Florida, USA

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 7 years

Parent Organization: Refugee Assistance Alliance Inc

Website: www.refugeeassistancealliance.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Course fees for EAP , GED and college study for 50% participants	\$1000
English classes for 50% participants	\$1,500
Books, college supplies and examination fees for 50% participants	\$1,000
Barrier reduction support (childcare, transportation)	\$1,000
Administration & contingency	\$ 500

Budget narrative: This is intended as a projected breakdown of costs. Whilst RAA will not use costs for any other purposes than the above categories, each refugee participant's individualized circumstances may alter the proportions of spending in each category other than the last. For example, if the grant is used to help more refugee young adults, less may be used in barrier reduction support and more in providing college supplies. If the grant is used for older women, we may see more barrier reduction support to help with childcare, English and English for Academic Purposes, and GED to support college readiness.

15 students @ average \$33.30 / months for 10 months (1 school year) \$5,000

TOTAL: \$5,000

Purpose of the grant: Refugee women arrive in America full of hope for the future but lack the skills and confidence to find employment with the opportunity for promotion, growth and progression, and become trapped in persistent poverty - working low-paid, low-skilled shift roles with no possibility for progression. Many come from cultures where women have been discouraged or disenfranchised from education, employment and economic empowerment, and need additional support to plan and achieve a path to success. FAWCO funding will provide adult refugee women and transitional-aged girls with necessary support including college or vocational course fees; books, course supplies and examination fees; barrier reduction including but not limited to laptops, internet access, temporary childcare and transportation, mentorship and career path planning. This grant will have an impact far greater than its \$5,000 value. FAWCO's grant will enable refugee women to take ownership of their own futures - often for the first time - and work towards achieving independence and career growth.

ENVIRONMENT

Project Name: ManiGreen - The World We Want

Location: : Rome, Italy

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 18 months

Parent Organization: 2050 To People

Website: www.2050topeople.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Organization of the community event \$5,000

TOTAL: \$5,000

Purpose of the grant: Art communicates thoughts, ideas and emotions across language and cultural barriers. It connects people, inspires action, and promotes sustainability and inclusion. 2050 To People has organised an open-air public art exhibition in Rome for the Jubilee Year entitled "The Art of Caring for Our Planet", collaborating with the European Parliament, and renowned artist, Michelangelo Pistoletto.

The exhibition will display 1500 themed eco-laminated drawings by elementary students hung from tree bows on each tree in the park, knitted by seniors from retirement homes and AWAR's own knitting club.

The exhibition will feature a day of themed community activities free of charge. New games and old, readings and science activities organised by a scientific committee will target values and skills to participate in sustainable and inclusive decisions to improve our quality of life by preserving the planet's wealth for the future.

The Development Grant will cover the activity Il Cielo Itinerante (The Traveling Sky - A minibus filled with experiments and state of the art telescopes,) 'that brings the sky where it does not reach'. Its aim is to promote scientific knowledge, bringing all children, including those in situations of fragility and social hardship, closer to the wonders of science and space.

GLOBAL ISSUES

Project Name: Lina's Project

Location: Brussels Belgium

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 3 years

Parent Organization: Nativitas Asbl

Website: www.nativitas.be

Project Funding Breakdown:

Over-night camps	\$ 833
Special needs camps	\$ 333
Day camps	\$1,334
Stipend school supplies	\$2,500
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: This is a unique project in downtown Brussels. Founded in memory of the daughter of a club member, it sponsors summer activities for children living in extreme poverty. The parents are so poor, they cannot even afford the subsidized activities in the area. Lina's Project has addressed this problem, providing the funds to offer these children a safe recreational environment benefiting their physical, social and mental development.

This project gives the children an opportunity to experience the world from a different angle. They learn through sports, as well as artistic, scientific and cultural activities that poverty does not have to define their existence. They can achieve goals, go beyond their limits, and learn new skills, just like any other child. This project encourages openness and celebration of differences- essential tools for their development. While the children are enjoying their activities, the mothers can seek temporary employment.

The local FAWCO club has played an essential role in supporting this project. They have raised and donated 20% of the total cost for the past 3 years.

This grant will give us the confidence to overcome any difficulties that may arrive in the future and ensure the continuation of our project for several years.

Project Name: Project WHEEL - Women's Health, Empowerment, & Enduring Liberation

Location: Frankfurt, Hesse, Germany

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 14 months

Parent Organization: FIM – Frauenrecht ist Menschenrecht e.V. (Women's Rights are Human Rights)

Website: info@fim-beratungszentrum.de

Project Funding Breakdown:

One-on-one counseling/advising (65 hours)	\$2,600
Acting translators and trusted companions accompanying women (40 hours)	\$1,600

Organizational tasks/support for individual clients (20 hours) \$ 800
TOTAL: **\$5,000**

Purpose of the grant: Project WHEEL, from Frauenrecht ist Menschenrecht (FIM), which means Women's Rights are Human Rights, is dedicated to supporting survivors of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). This practice affects thousands in Germany and leaves survivors with enduring physical/emotional trauma that demands comprehensive care. This Development Grant will provide vital assistance to 10-20 survivors in Hesse, Germany, offering services tailored to their needs. The grant will support 65 hours of one-on-one counseling, 40 hours of accompaniment to medical appointments/surgeries, and 20 hours of logistical aid, ensuring survivors receive guidance throughout their journey to recovery. These services address physical/psychological needs and empower survivors with crucial knowledge about their health, rights, and available surgical options. FIM previously funded specialized training for a local doctor in Hesse, expanding access to skilled medical professionals for corrective surgery closer to home. By providing these services, FIM helps women reclaim their health/autonomy while fostering awareness to break the cycle of FGM/C. This project ultimately aims to empower survivors and reduce future incidents by fostering a supportive, informed environment where survivors can heal and thrive without facing unnecessary barriers. Through this support, FIM and its partners will make a meaningful difference in the lives of these women and their communities.

Project Name: Heart Pillow Project

Location: Denmark

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: over 18 years

Parent Organization: Heart Pillow Project

Website: www.heartpillow.dk

Project Funding Breakdown:

Purchase of stuffing material for the heart pillows: \$5,000

The Project's volunteers bear all other expenses.

TOTAL: **\$5,000**

Purpose of the grant: A local FAWCO club member, the American nurse Nancy Friis-Jensen, started the Heart Pillow Project in 2006, and AWC Denmark took the concept to FAWCO, where it spread to many clubs. The Project creates and delivers nearly 3,000 washable heart-shaped pillows each year to hospitals all over Denmark, given free of charge to patients who have undergone breast-cancer surgery. Placed in the armpit, the pillow counteracts pain following surgery, prevents pain from wearing a seatbelt and provides psychological support by giving recipients something to hold on to and a symbol that other people in their communities care for them.

The cessation of an annual grant used to by the special stuffing material required prompted the Project to seek new, sustainable funding through an alliance with a non-profit organization, Støt Brysterne (Support the Breasts), part of Kræftens Bekæmpelse (the Danish Cancer Society). While volunteers will continue to run the Project, channeling funding through Støt Brysterne enables donations to be tax-deductible in Denmark.

The Development Grant will enable to Project to keep functioning at its current level, supplying the same number of pillows free of charge to those who need them, while helping it to ensure sustainable funding from donations through Støt Brysterne.

Project Name: Rescue Ready: Empowering Women to Save Lives at Sea in The Royal Dutch Sea Rescue

Location: Scheveningen, The Hague, The Netherlands

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 7 months

Parent Organization: Koninklijke Nederlandse Redding Maatschappij

Website: www.knrm.nl

Project Funding Breakdown:

Custom Safety Suits and Equipment for 2 Women Rescue Workers

Base suits including integrated life jacket	\$3,454.10
Personal locator beacons	\$ 591.68
Pagers	\$ 517.58
Thermal vests	\$ 137.31
Flashlights	\$ 184.14
Safety knives	\$ 42.24
Hand flares	\$ 42.24
TOTAL:	\$4,969.29

Purpose of the grant: The Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue (KNRM) is a volunteer organization. KNRM is part of the International Maritime Rescue Foundation #WomenInSAR initiative to increase the representation of women in the maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) sector. Over and over again, it's been proven that organizations with an equal balance of men and women are more successful. KNRM has a significant gender gap within lifeboat crews with only 9.6% women in SAR roles. The local FAWCO club supports KNRM's effort to create a culture that promotes female empowerment, and rescuer safety remains the highest priority. This grant will provide funds to purchase two survival suits equipped with life-saving accessories for two women volunteers in SAR training. These suits are specifically designed to provide buoyancy and insulation, ensuring floatation and stable body temperature in extremely cold waters. Equal gender balance in maritime SAR gives women the opportunity to play an integral role in lifesaving.

Project Name: YAMA**Location:** Lahage, Occitanie, France**Application Club's Length of Affiliation:** 10 years over the years**Parent Organization:** YES Akademia**Website:** www.yesakademia.org**Project Funding Breakdown:**

Documentary film	\$ 700
Communication workshop	\$ 600
Program Evaluation in Spanish, English, German and French	\$1,100
Translation services	\$ 900
Youth forum	\$1,700

We are also counting on a grant of 20 000€ from the European Service Civique Agency in France, Erasmus+, to cover all the travel, organizational and living costs of the 25 youth participants for two-weeks. This amount has been granted for the past three years. The application is to be submitted on February 12th, 2025, and we will receive the answer for funding in May 2025.

TOTAL: **\$5,000**

Purpose of the grant: The YAMA project is a unique summer camp that transforms young Europeans, refugees, and asylum seekers aged 18 to 26. Against the rise of far-right ideologies and shrinking protections for marginalized groups, YAMA stands as a beacon of hope. Held mainly in an Occitanie eco-village, YAMA equips marginalized youth with tools to heal, lead, and fight for human rights in a world increasingly hostile to their existence (www.projetyama.org).

With a \$5000 FAWCO grant, YAMA can help foster change by supporting: \$700 for a moving documentary to ignite global empathy with a real call to action; \$600 to support non-violent communication training,

empowering peacebuilding; \$1100 to ensure program effectiveness; \$900 to provide translation, giving voice to those too often silenced; and \$1700 to develop the 2025 youth forum, connecting young leaders to confront global issues head-on.

These aren't just summer activities in France: they're lifelines. YAMA builds bridges between personal growth and collective action, empowering displaced and marginalized youth in France, Germany, Belgium and Spain to reclaim their narratives and fight for justice.

A FAWCO grant can help fuel this movement in our fractured world, to help ensure these youth's voices are heard, their rights protected, and their futures reclaimed.

Project Name: Access Life- Pediatric Cancer Patients' and Caregivers' Holistic Support

Location: Mumbai, India

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 7 years

Parent Organization: Access Life Assistance Foundation

Website: <https://www.accesslife.org>

Project Funding Breakdown:

30 days Rent	\$3,342
30 days Nutrition & Patient Welfare	\$1,128
30 days of Transportation support to visit the hospital	\$ 302
Educational Stationery kits	\$ 228
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: This project aims to provide comprehensive care to children battling cancer and their families, addressing critical challenges faced by low-income families during treatment. It ensures safe accommodation, nutritious meals, hospital transportation, and educational support, fostering emotional well-being and dignity. By mitigating financial and logistical barriers, the project empowers families to pursue uninterrupted treatment and improves overall quality of life.

The \$5,000 grant will directly benefit 33 individuals, including 11 pediatric cancer patients and their caregivers, covering essential expenses like accommodation, nutrition, transportation, and educational resources.

The project's impact will be evaluated in 12 months by tracking treatment continuity and measuring how many families complete their child's treatment without interruptions. Health outcomes will be monitored by assessing treatment adherence and the children's physical and emotional well-being. Additionally, the number of children successfully discharged and returning to their hometowns will be tracked as a key success metric.

This initiative offers children and their families hope, resilience, and a chance to overcome cancer with dignity.

Together, we can ensure that no family has to choose between saving their child's life and financial survival.

Your support will bring hope, healing, and the chance for a brighter future to these brave children and their families.

Project Name: Together As One (TOA)

Location: Slough, Berkshire, UK

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 9 years

Parent Organization: Together As One (Aik Saath)

Website: www.togetherasone.org.uk

Project Funding Breakdown:

Skilled Facilitator Fees	\$2,976
Activity Supplies	\$ 186
Outings and Special Events	\$ 620

Venue Hire for weekly meeting	\$ 620
Assistance transportation to/from sessions for the most vulnerable girls	\$ 186
Evaluation and Monitoring	\$ 186
Administrative Costs	\$ 186
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: Together As One (TAO) is a Slough-based youth and community organisation committed to promoting inclusivity and cohesion. This Development Grant will support the Girls Group project for a year, empowering vulnerable young women aged 11-18 facing challenges such as domestic violence, mental health struggles, or caring responsibilities. The Girls Group provides a safe space for participants to build confidence, resilience, and life skills through workshops, activities, and outings. By addressing issues like self-harm, low educational engagement, and limited opportunities, this programme nurtures potential and helps participants thrive. The \$5,000 will fund facilitators, supplies, venue hire, and outreach, creating a lasting impact on young lives.

The project offers a sanctuary of growth for vulnerable young women, providing year-round group activities designed to nurture their well-being and unlock their potential. With a focus on mental and physical health, healthy relationships, and essential life skills, the program empowers these young women to heal from trauma and build a foundation for success. By fostering self-worth and resilience, the project aims to reduce self-harm and destructive behaviours, increase educational engagement and employment opportunities, and ultimately, divert these young women from the criminal justice system, guiding them towards fulfilling and empowered lives.

Project Name: Foundation Blekksprut / Atelier Blekksprut

Location: Oslo, Norway

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 2 club years: 2023-24, 2024-25

Parent Organization: Foundation Blekksprut / Atelier Blekksprut

Website: www.apent-verksted.com/atelierblekksprut

Project Funding Breakdown:

Printing/Etching Press - Model EP3318:	\$3,868
VAT	\$ 967
Transport, shipping to Norway	\$ 165
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Should there be remaining funds, they would be spent on inks, rollers, and other printing supplies.

There is a possibility that shipping costs can be saved by the press being picked up and brought from England to Norway instead of shipped. In that case, monies that would be spent on shipping would be spent on supplies. If that offer of transport proves to be unworkable, the remaining monies from the grant, after the purchase of the press and payment of duties, will be put towards the cost of shipping. If the shipping is more than \$165, the extra costs will be covered by other sources of financing and fundraising done by Atelier Blekksprut, possibly with a contribution by the local FAWCO club.

Purpose of the grant: Foundation Blekksprut was established in 2022 to support neurodiverse artists, and was inspired by similar institutions in the US, e.g., Creativity Explored in San Francisco (<https://www.creativityexplored.org/>) and Art Enables in D.C. (<https://art-enables.org/>).

Over the past two years, Foundation Blekksprut has undertaken various activities with the target group, including workshops in schools, workplaces, culture groups, and a co-operative project with similar institutions in Nordic countries, culminating in an exhibition in a leading gallery in Northern Norway (<https://www.gallerinn.no/utstilling/my-everyday>).

In 2025, Foundation Blekksprut will establish a supported studio and gallery in Oslo where neurodiverse visual artists (typically, people with developmental disabilities) can develop their own artistic expression and where the public can experience and purchase their artworks. The studio will give the artists access to mentorship, materials and equipment so that they, who often have difficulties with verbal language, can tap into the visual arts to express themselves. The gallery will provide them a source of income. No such facility exists in Norway.

Print making has a relatively low threshold for creating works of art, and in some cases multiple works of art. The grant will be used to purchase a printing press for the studio.

Project Name: Soup Kitchen London

Location: London, England

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 12 years

Parent Organization: Soup Kitchen London

Website: www.soupkitchenlondon.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Steel shelving	\$1,700
Professional Dryer and Washer	\$2,500
Folding tables	\$ 800
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: The Soup Kitchen, based at the American International Church in London, supports vulnerable individuals, including the homeless, financially challenged and the elderly. It serves an average of 150 guests daily. Support is given by providing meals, mental health care, clothing, and companionship. This project will improve the facilities to better meet growing and changing community needs. Shelving will be installed to organize and manage donations. New, durable tables will replace broken ones to create a more dignified dining experience. A washer and dryer will allow for cleaning kitchen linens and guests' belongings. These upgrades will improve efficiency, enhance services, and benefit guests, staff, volunteers, and the wider community.

HEALTH

Project Name: Bukas Palad Nutrition Program

Location: Epifanio delos Santos Elementary School, Tramo Street, Pasay City, Philippines

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 20 years

Parent Organization: Bukas Palad Foundation of the Philippines Inc.

Website: <https://bukaspaladfoundation.org>

Project Funding Breakdown:

Provide 20 Children lunch meals for 120 school days	\$4,150
Staff of 4 to prepare, cook, transport, monitor for 120 school days	\$ 850
TOTAL:	\$5,000

In 2024 and again in 2025, the local FAWCO club has also committed to supplying milk for the lunches to help provide both increased nutritional value and caloric intake for these children.

Purpose of the grant: Undernutrition is a pressing issue in the Philippines, with the nation ranking among the top five countries in East Asia for a notable increase in children experiencing stunted growth. In addition,

underweight and stunting continues to be a significant public health concern, particularly among school-aged children from 6 to 10 years old.

The Bukas Palad (BP) Nutrition Program works to eliminate, prevent, and reduce malnutrition thereby promoting proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle behaviors to children and families in the community to lessen future emerging comorbidities and health burdens of the community and the country.

The DG of \$5,000 will cover the cost of meals for 20 malnourished children (\$4,150) and wages of four staff (\$850) who prepare, cook, transport the meals and monitor the children's food intake. Since 2023, the C.U.R.E. Our Child Foundation donated funds to The BP Nutritional Program to provide nutritional lunch meals (30% daily caloric requirement) for 43 malnourished school children, throughout the school year. A volunteer pediatrician monitor the children's attendance, food intake, and anthropometrics. The C.U.R.E. funding ends this school year and the program is looking for sponsors to continue the program. The DG will help support the BP program for another year.

Project Name: Building Healthier Communities Through Mental Health First Aid Training

Location: Somerset and Morris County, NJ

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 2 years

Parent Organization: Community in Crisis

Website: <https://communityincrisis.org>

Project Funding Breakdown:

75 Participant Manuals	\$1,421.25
75 Processing guides	\$ 749.25
National Council of Mental Wellbeing platform access fee	\$1,796.25
Trainer stipend:	\$ 600
Training supplies	\$ 150
Snacks	\$ 280
TOTAL:	\$4996.75

Purpose of the grant: The US is facing an unprecedented mental health crisis affecting both adults and youth. According to recent federal statistics, nearly 1 in 5 adults and 1 in 5 adolescents aged 12-17 experience mental illness annually, with suicide as the second leading cause of death for 10–24-year-olds. Compounding this crisis are widespread stigma, lack of understanding, and limited access to timely care, leaving many individuals to suffer in silence. The Building Healthy Communities Through Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) project seeks to certify participants in MHFA. This evidence-based training is designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to support those facing mental health challenges. MHFA has two modules, Adult MHFA which trains adults to respond to adults and Youth MHFA which trains adults to respond to youth. We will offer both and the number in each module will be determined by community needs. This funding will cover all expenses related to certifying 75 adults. By investing in MHFA training, we will empower participants to become mental health advocates and first responders, fostering a culture of understanding, support and resilience. The benefits will extend far beyond the training itself, creating a safer, healthier community for all.

Project Name: Younger People With Dementia (YPWD)

Location: Wokingham, Berkshire, UK

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: 4 years

Parent Organization: Younger People With Dementia CIO (YPWD)

Website: www.ypwd.info

Project Funding Breakdown:

Staff: Area Manager to coordinate transport needs and distribute subsidies	\$1,409
Reimbursement allowance for volunteer drivers	\$1,000
Transport Subsidies:	\$2,500
TOTAL:	\$4,909

Purpose of the grant: There are many barriers to people with Young Onset Dementia (YOD) accessing care and support services, in particular transportation. Barriers include affordability due to rising cost-of-living and income loss, the stress of driving, or lack of dementia-friendly public transport. Isolation and loss of social skills is a major factor for those living with YOD and their families. This grant aims to address this by removing transportation as a barrier preventing people from accessing care and support, thus improving engagement in activities. These activities enhance and improve their quality of life, improve mental health and wellbeing, and reduce dementia symptoms, hospital stays and anti-psychotic prescriptions.

This project seeks to improve accessibility for people with Young Onset Dementia (YOD) by subsidising transport costs for them to attend activities and workshops specifically designed for younger people with dementia. The project will assist with fuel costs for those whose spouse/carer or family member is able to drive, public transport for those who are still able to use public transport safely and confidently (usually taxis) and providing transport through volunteer drivers who can collect people from their own homes, providing an additional layer of support for those who have a higher level of need.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Project Name: More "Hello Baby!" Bags

Location: Hamburg, Germany

Application Club's Length of Affiliation: At least three individual members have been providing support for nine years.

Parent Organization: Hanseatic Help e.V.

Website: www.hanseatic-help.org

Project Funding Breakdown:

Breast pads	\$ 267.00
Nipple ointment	\$ 570.00
Baby rash cream	\$1,260.00
Size 1 diapers	\$ 960.00
Size 2 diapers	\$1,290.10
Wet wipes	\$ 600.00
TOTAL	\$4,947.00

Purpose of the grant: Hello Baby Bags is a local initiative bringing comfort and dignity to vulnerable mothers by providing colorful bags filled with essential baby items, easing the financial and emotional strain of welcoming a newborn home. Each bag includes “like-new” baby clothes (sleepers, sweaters, onesies, socks), newly purchased hygiene items (diapers, breast pads, creams, sterile wipes), an upcycled baby quilt, and even a toy. This grant will fund hygiene items for 300 bags, doubling the number distributed in 2024—critical support to meet rising demand. The bags are gifted to refugee, homeless, low-income, and adolescent mothers who might otherwise have nothing for their newborns. Distributed through social agencies, they also serve as a gateway to vital medical, financial, and social resources, creating lasting positive change for women and children at risk. Launched last year by a local charity with a large used-clothing donation program, Hello Baby Bags depends on community-donated baby clothes and volunteers—like our club members—who help sort and upcycle materials. Awarding this grant provides the necessary financial support. Hello Baby Bags is a grassroots project that helps bridge the gap between struggling mothers and life-changing support programs.

Project Name: Safety Pathways: Youth Outreach in Vietnam for Trafficking & Forced Labor Prevention
Location: In-Person in Nghe An, Central Vietnam
Application Club's Length of Affiliation: over 5 years
Parent Organization: Pacific Links Foundation
Website: <https://pacificlinks.org>

Project Funding Breakdown:

Provide handouts/snacks	\$1,300
Rent venue	\$ 400
Print passport-sized safe migration handbooks	\$1,400
Support PAXU usage incentives	\$ 450
Support travel for staff	\$1,450
TOTAL:	\$5,000

Purpose of the grant: Human trafficking is a growing \$236 billion industry, globally enslaving 50 million people. In Vietnam's trafficking hotspots, many at-risk youths face limited economic mobility and are vulnerable to traffickers' false job promises and misinformation, leading to trafficking and forced labor. Pacific Links Foundation, a women-led U.S. organization, with 20+ years of experience in empowering 250,000+ women and youth, seeks a \$5,000 Development Grant to conduct a school outreach event for 750 students on trafficking prevention and safe migration. Participants will also be introduced to our PAXU Safe Migration app (downloaded 25,000+), which offers ongoing support and education. The funds will cover handouts, snacks, and handbooks (\$1,900), venue rental (\$250), staff travel (\$1,450), and promoting PAXU usage (\$300). This project bridges the gap to safe employment, advancing UN Sustainable Development Goal #8 (Decent Work) by equipping at-risk youth with the skills to make informed migration decisions, thrive in the workforce, and transform their communities. It also strengthens community resilience, reducing the cycle of vulnerability to exploitation and poverty, while fostering local economic development.