Every year, the Ford Volunteer Corps invites employees worldwide to design their own volunteer initiatives, igniting a wave of positive change through our community service campaign, Global Caring Month, held in September.

Driven by a shared commitment to make a difference, employees plan and execute projects that tackle pressing issues such as food insecurity, inadequate housing, limited access to education and other essentials. Ford Fund provides grant funding of up to $10,000 USD for selected nonprofits to help complete these projects.
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A group of 25 Ford employees partnered with Meals on Wheels in Greenville, South Carolina, United States, to prepare and package more than 1300 meal bags for local homebound citizens.

If you are looking to get involved, JUST DO IT! You will not regret your decision. I am grateful Ford allows employees to give back and make our presence felt in the community.

Dawn Mills
Operations Process Analyst at Ford Credit and Volunteer Project Lead
In Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ford employees partnered with the Argentina Club of Rome Foundation to repair an existing cistern and construct a new one for the community of Cerrata Paso. The project benefited more than 60 families with water collection and storage. Community members were also trained in installation and maintenance of the cisterns.

Do not hesitate to participate. Being part of any project can be incredibly rewarding. Knowing that you are making a positive impact on people’s lives will leave you with a strong sense of purpose and fulfillment. Also, it allows you to acquire new skills and can expand your social and professional network.

Julieta Rizzo Gobbi
ESG Coordinator at Ford and Volunteer Project Lead
Volunteer Project Themes

Applications will be accepted for volunteer projects in the following focus areas:

- Water Access, Safety and Hygiene
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Hunger, Housing and Basic Needs
- Education
- Community Building and Beautification
- Youth and Senior Development
- Economic Empowerment and Financial Education
- Health and Wellness
### Timeline

**March 25 – May 10**

- Volunteer project proposals accepted

**May**

- Ford Fund or GlobalGiving notify the nominated NGOs

**June**

- Grant nomination decisions finalized
- Next steps communicated to Ford employees and NGOs

**August**

- Funding disbursed for approved volunteer projects

**September**

- Volunteer projects take place
Application Criteria

To ensure the success of GCM volunteer activities, applications must provide comprehensive project details, including a budget and all necessary reporting requirements. Employees have the opportunity to nominate a nonprofit or select an existing partner. During the review process, the following factors will be carefully considered:

01 Clearly identified community need and alignment with a Global Caring Month volunteer project theme

02 Number of employee volunteers required for the project

03 Detailed budget

04 Clearly stated, tangible impact/outcome of the project
Ford Fund does not support:

• Advocacy-directed programs, animal rights organizations, species-specific organizations
• Beauty or talent contests, sports teams, golf outings
• Day-to-day operations or debt reduction initiatives for businesses, labor groups or nonprofits
• Efforts to influence legislation or the outcome of elections, election of candidates to public office, voter registration drive or political contributions
• Endowments, fraternal organizations, organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status, private K-12 schools, religious programs or sectarian programs for religious purposes
• General operating support to hospitals and healthcare institutions
• Individual sponsorships related to fundraising activities, individuals
• Organizations that unlawfully discriminate in their provision of goods and services based on race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, physical challenge, age or status as a protected veteran.
• Vehicle donations

Ford Fund recognizes many organizations are worthy of support. Unfortunately, budget and policy limitations prevent us from honoring all requests.
How to Apply

Applications for Volunteer Project Grants will open on FordFund.org Monday, March 25, 2024 and will close Friday, May 10, 2024.

Please complete the application with as much detail as possible and ensure that:

- The nominated organization is a registered nonprofit and completes the application with you
- The information provided on the application is accurate
- The project is feasible and will take place in September 2024
- There is a plan to recruit Ford employee volunteers to deliver on the project
- If submitting a project on behalf of an Employee Resource Group or Dealer/Distributor, please indicate on the appropriate place in the application
Questions?

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit FordFund.org/globalcaringmonth or email volunteer@ford.com

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