



The World Affairs Council of Oregon  
**From Awareness to Action! Grant**

Application Form

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Amount requested (up to \$500): \$500.00

From Awareness to Action! Project Description

Are you initiating a new project or enhancing an existing one?  
We would enhance our current LifeStraw project fund raising project.

Please provide a brief narrative description of your plans:

Through research and presentations to local grade schools and our high school, we have worked to educate the schools in our area about the lack of clean drinking water on our planet and the plight of our global neighbors who are the victims of this disaster. Through all their donations, we hope to send a sizable check to the LifeStraw Foundation.

How is this project international in scope?

The donated money for LifeStraw will go to purchase LifeStraws for people of the Congo region of Africa. However, through the student's research, they raised their own awareness and concern about the global problem.

Name the services that this project will provide.

Proving a LifeStraw to an individual allows that person one year of clean drinking water as the LifeStraw filter 99% of the bacteria and 95% of the viruses out of the water.

Describe steps that you will take to implement this project.

We have researched the problem, prepared speeches, and created PowerPoints to present to grade schools and community groups, asking for their donations after the presentation. The high school sacrificed prom trinkets and gave the money to LifeStraws. At the prom, each person attending received a card that described the problem of unclean water and an explanation that a donation had been made in their name.

How can the effects of this project be measured?

The LifeStraw costs \$7.00 to produce. Extremely simple, yet cost effective, the LifeStraw will allow many people a chance at life. We will never see the faces of the people who receive this life saving device. However, our community has become more globally aware of the conditions that others on the planet face, and they realize that little sacrifices can have great results. And they are willing to make a difference. They eagerly await next year's program!