

### About Us

At Sylvamo, people are our most important resource, and making our communities stronger builds a better future for all of us. From the forests we love, to the communities where we live, to those who rely on our paper, we know the well-being of each depends on the well-being of all.

The Sylvamo Community Engagement and Giving philosophies directly align with the company's [Thriving People and Communities 2030 Goal](#) to protect and improve the lives of our employees, and support our communities.

We will mobilize our **People** (Volunteers), **Products** (In-Kind Paper Donations) and **Resources** (Community Grants and Strategic Partnerships) to make our communities stronger.

### Sylvamo Vision

To be the world's paper company: the employer, supplier and investment of choice.

### Sylvamo Mission

We transform renewable resources into papers that people depend on for education, communication and entertainment.

### Why We Care

At Sylvamo, we are active, enthusiastic members of the communities we live in. We address critical needs in multiple areas, including the improvement of childhood education and protecting our planet.

### Primary Signature Cause

The majority of company donations and contributions to local non-profit organizations will support our signature cause and focus areas and adhere to our giving guidelines.

- **Education:** Sylvamo's primary signature cause will focus on programs that lead to student achievement and academic success.

Grants will primarily support Education. The company will also address critical needs in multiple areas, including supporting environmental initiatives (forests, water and air) and other critical community needs:

- **Critical Community Needs:** Limited support is available for other critical needs in the communities where our employees live and work. Sylvamo personnel at our facilities are in the best position to know local needs and are tasked with ensuring that donations are allocated based on the most critical of needs. A project or program does not necessarily need to benefit the community at large, but it should impact an underserved sector of the population or serve a critical need.
- **Signature Environmental Causes:** We seek to ensure that Sylvamo is a sustainable corporation protecting the environment with a commitment to the entire ecosystem. Our purpose is to produce the paper the world relies on in the most responsible and sustainable ways. Sylvamo will further this purpose by supporting organizations working on forest, water, air and responsible sourcing issues.

### Eligibility in the U.S.

We support nonprofit charitable organizations classified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code or exempt operating foundations.

Certain municipal, county, state and federal entities (such as a school district or fire department), are eligible if a [fiscal sponsor letter](#) from an affiliated tax-exempt organization is attached to the online application. The letter must state that the affiliated tax-exempt organization will disperse Sylvamo funds for use on the approved project as Sylvamo directs. Sample letters are included in the application.

Organizations must be in good financial and public standing, show evidence of competent management, have low administrative/fundraising expense ratios and manage nondiscriminatory programs benefiting broad segments of the community. Sylvamo does not tolerate discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, color, age, disability, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristic protected under federal, state, or local law.

Our community engagement team will not review a proposal unless the tax-exempt organization takes full legal, fiscal and administrative responsibility for the request.

To be considered for support, requests should fit within our funding priorities. Priority is assigned to requests that fall within our signature causes with measurable objectives to demonstrate impact.

### **Applying for a Grant**

Eligible nonprofit organizations with a program in an area that Sylvamo supports must apply online by contacting the Global Community Engagement Office at [communityengagement@sylvamo.com](mailto:communityengagement@sylvamo.com).

### **Application Information | Documentation You Will Need**

Important information needed to complete the funding application includes:

- Organization information such as legal name and address, website address, mission statement and list of board members
- Financial information such as operating budget, W9 and Form 990 IRS documentation (or audited financial statement)
- Funding request information such as project title, proposal detail, request amount and expected outcomes
- Itemized budget for program/project to be funded

Grants will be approved on a rolling basis, so you are encouraged to gather the necessary information and apply early.

### **For More Information**

We are committed to investing in, and caring for, the communities where we live and work. For more information about Sylvamo grants, please contact the Global Community Engagement Office at [communityengagement@sylvamo.com](mailto:communityengagement@sylvamo.com).