

Engaging with communities: Local impact and global reach

The nature of our business requires us to maintain strong, trusted relationships with the communities surrounding our main manufacturing sites. At the same time, we believe it is important to engage these communities and raise awareness of our positive impact and best practices. To this end, we run several initiatives at our Italian plants, such as “A Chemist for a Day”, which involves students from local primary and secondary schools.

As our operations have grown globally, so too has our social footprint. **In 2023, we continued our long-standing commitment in India and Brazil through the We Dare and Lamberti Acelera programmes,** which aim to transform and empower local communities to unlock their full potential.

This year, Lamberti further expanded its commitments through the **FairWays Foundation**, whose projects are aligned with one of three key pillars: **Water Conservation and Stewardship, Water Education, and Habitat Conservation and Stewardship.**

The Foundation funds grant requests ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Applications are assessed quantitatively, and funding is awarded on the basis of merit rather than financial need.

Since 2020, a total of \$816,656 has been awarded to fund 59 projects across countries including Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, England, the United States and Zambia. These projects are remarkably diverse and include converting irrigated turfgrass into unirrigated, diverse native habitats, organising student field trips to water-stressed areas, and constructing bioswales, vegetated systems that naturally filter water, to treat rinse water used in equipment washing.

