The HCL Grant is a recognition of the rise of community-led ecosystems, Non-Governmental Organizations – The Fifth Estate. The other four estates being – legislative, judiciary, executive, and free press. These estates not only define the fabric of our society but also act as potent drivers propelling India to the next level of growth and prosperity. It is imperative that the growth process that we as a nation subscribe to, is inclusive, and carries forward all sections of the society across geographies. This is where grassroot-based organizations are destined to play a decisive role in building a stronger, future-ready India. The Fifth Estate change agents have made and continue to make meaningful, lasting impact on the lives of underprivileged communities, building nation from the ground-up.
ABOUT HCL GRANT

Started in 2015, the HCL Grant is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitment by HCL, through HCL Foundation to strengthen and empower NGOs, engage with them, as well as recognize them for their path breaking work. Currently focused on rural development, the HCL Grant is awarded in three thematic categories, namely Environment, Health and Education. The Grant is designed to support NGOs doing path-breaking work, that have a proven track record of evident impact, high credibility and distinct ability to deliver. NGOs that reach out to marginalized, isolated, underserved and underdeveloped rural communities in India, and work jointly to achieve sustainable socio-economic development.

HCL Grant is HCL’s contribution towards Nation Building. The vision behind HCL Grant is to mine out best practices & most successful models of rural development that are relevant in various contexts, and provide a platform where these models receive unprecedented visibility and replicated by many, such that the country excels in achieving the developmental milestones. Unique aspect of the HCL Grant is that the organizations are recognized not only based on the “idea”, but also for their power to transform these ideas into reality and thereby, transform Indian villages.

So far, the HCL Grant has already committed ₹51.5 Crore (~US$7.25 Million) towards Rural Development in the areas of Environment, Health & Education through current HCL Grant Projects with an ambition to reach 10,15,033 people in 7,577 villages in 42 districts across 15 states of India of which the projects have already covered 4,64,088 beneficiaries.

HCL Grant awards the winning NGOs in each of the categories of Environment, Health and Education, a grant of ₹5 Crore (~US$0.71 Million) for a years project. The HCL Grant rewards the other finalists too, who are doing great work in their own right. So the 2 other finalists in each category receive a grant of ₹25 lakhs (~US$0.04 Million) for an year-long project which is mutually agreed with HCL Foundation after the final Jury meet. Thus, the total committed fund for HCL Grant is ₹16.5 Crores (~US$2.36 Million), for Edition V.

HCL GRANT JURY 2019

Robin Abrams
Chairperson of the Jury. Former President of Palm Computing, and the longest serving Board member of HCL Technologies

Dr. Isher Ahluwalia
Chairperson, Board of Governors, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

B.S. Baswan
Former Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration and Civil Servant

James D. Syring
Senior Vice President, Enterprise Operations Support, USAA

Shiv Nadar
Founder & Chairman
HCL, Shiv Nadar Foundation

Pallavi Shroff
Eminent Legal Counsel, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
HCL GRANT 2019

In the fourth edition, HCL Grant has received over 4200 registrations from NGOs representing all states of India in the categories of Environment, Health and Education. The final three recipients were selected by the Jury on February 21, 2019 and announced during the HCL Grant event.

SHORTLISTING PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

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HCL GRANT RECIPIENT 2019

| ENVIRONMENT: Wildlife Trust of India | HEALTH: She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs | EDUCATION: Srijan Foundation |

Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and Mr. Sourav Ganguly, former captain of the Indian Cricket Team, felicitated the HCL Grant recipients - 2019 ‘Wildlife Trust of India’ - Environment, ‘She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs’ - Health and ‘Srijan Foundation’ - Education

Remaining Finalists in each category received a Grant of ₹25 Lakh each for a one year project

- Environment
  - Students Educational and Cultural movement of Ladakh (SECMOL)
  - Tarun Bharat Sangh
- Health
  - Gowel Trust
  - Ekjut
- Education
  - Jnana Prabodhini

HCL GRANT 2018

For the third edition of HCL Grant, HCL Foundation received over 3400 registrations across the three categories of Environment, Health, and Education.

HCL GRANT RECIPIENT 2018

| ENVIRONMENT: Keystone Foundation | HEALTH: Eleutheros Christian Society | EDUCATION: Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers) |

HCL GRANT 2017

In the second edition, the HCL Grant expanded beyond education to include health and environment categories as well. More than 3,000 NGOs registered for the HCL Grant.

HCL GRANT RECIPIENT 2017

**ENVIRONMENT:** Foundation For Ecological Security

**HEALTH:** Child In Need Institute (CINI)

**EDUCATION:** MelJol

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Hon’ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs - Shri Arun Jaitley, felicitates the HCL Grant recipients - 2017 ‘Foundation For Ecological Security’ - Environment, ‘Child In Need Institute (CINI)’ - Health and ‘MelJol’ - Education

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HCL GRANT 2016

In the first year, HCL Grant identified the best NGOs in the area of rural education. From a pool of over 400 NGOs representing each state who applied for the Grant, the top six were chosen from which ‘Going to School’ was selected as the winner of the inaugural HCL Grant 2015-16

HCL GRANT RECIPIENT 2016

**Going to School**

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Former Hon’ble President of India - Shri Pranab Mukherjee, felicitates the HCL Grant recipient - 2016 ‘Going to School’

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The Governance Partner for HCL Grant is Grant Thornton.

HCL Foundation is currently inviting applications for the fifth edition of HCL Grant. For more information please visit: hclgrant.hcltech.com