**General Information**

1. The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island is a 501(c)(3) organization that distributes funds to charitable organizations serving local, regional and international needs.
2. Filters

The Mercer Island Rotary Club has developed filters for deciding what projects and/or causes to support. Please speak to these filters in your application.

Does the project or cause:

* Create systemic and enduring change in the lives of people?
* Allow members to be personally involved?
* Leverage our resources by partnering with other organizations?
* Support our project goals without religious or political requirements?
* Provide an opportunity to advance the community awareness of Rotary and our Club?
* Provide an opportunity to follow up to ensure that the grant funds have been spent as promised?

1. Funding is not generally granted for:
* General appeals from statewide or national organizations
* General operating costs or salaries
* Multi-year grants for a single project
1. No grants will be made:
* For requests with unspecified amounts
* To individuals
1. Funding is not guaranteed from year to year.

1. Preference is given to projects known by and recommended by current active Rotarians.
2. Alliance with, and oversight from, a local Rotary Club is preferred for international grants.
3. Communication and follow up:
* Mercer Island Rotary will track the progress of this grant application from receipt of the application to applicant’s final report of the project; and will keep applicant apprised of the status of the application.
* Applicant will keep Rotary apprised of progress of project in a timely way, including submitting a final written report when the project is completed, or within one year, whichever is sooner. This final report must include details as to how the funds were used, and the impact the grant had on the project, and must be submitted before any subsequent requests can be considered.
1. If the applicant intends to apply for a matching grant from Rotary District 5030, please consult the Rotary5030.org website for the District application.

**Application**

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| Date of application:  |       |
| Project title:  |       |

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| Organization name:  |        | Year organization was founded: |       |
| Contact person: |       |
| Mailing address:  |       |
| City:  |       | State:  |       | Zip: |        | Country: |       |
| Email: |       |

If funding is granted, to whom should the check be sent?

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| Name:  |        |
| Mailing address:  |       |
| City:  |       | State:  |       | Zip: |        | Country: |       |

Verification of not-for-profit status – Please check

[ ]  501(c)(3)

[ ]  Governmental agency

[ ]  Public school

[ ]  Other Rotary club

[ ]  Other: Please specify and attach IRS determination letter or other documentation.

Assurance (Required) [ ]  There are no religious or political requirements for anyone to receive services funded by this grant.

Do you have a member of the Mercer Island Rotary club as a contact or sponsor? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If Yes, who is that person?

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| Name:  |       | Contact information:  |       |

Organization's Mission Statement (200 characters maximum):

Geographic areas served by Organization: (Check all that apply)

[ ]  Mercer Island [ ]  WA Statewide

[ ]  Puget Sound Area [ ]  Pacific Northwest

[ ]  Other area in WA [ ]  National

[ ]  International: Which country:

Indicate the program area that best describes your organization's focus:

[ ]  Arts & Culture [ ]  Education

[ ]  Environment [ ]  Health

[ ]  Human Needs (e.g. food, shelter) [ ]  Community Development

[ ]  Other - Please describe:

Project description: Please write a summary of the project. Include what is needed and why.

Who are the project beneficiaries? Include the approximate number of people impacted by this project.

How will you measure the success of this project?

Estimate of how long the project will take:

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| Total budget of project:  |       | Specific amount requested from Mercer Island Rotary:  |       |

Please provide breakdown of all expenses for this project:

Specifically, how will this grant money be used?

Other sources of funds requested for project (If this is a District 5030 or global grant, please complete the section below):

How are members of the organization helping with the project besides requesting a Mercer Island Rotary grant?

Has this organization received a grant from Mercer Island Rotary in the past?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No If Yes, what year was the last grant given?

Will Rotary be publicly recognized as a donor?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No If Yes, how?

Please append any additional information you feel would be useful to support the request and project.

Name of authorized representative:       Title:       Date:

**For District or Global Grants Only**

Is there a global grant request (for projects over $30,000) to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Is there a district grant request (for projects under $30,000) to District 5030? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Are there any matching grants from other organizations? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If there are any matching grants, please provide details (amounts and organization names)

**For International Grants Only**

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| Is there an “onsite” Rotary club partner for this project in the local country? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Rotary club name:  |        |
| Name of contact:  |       |
| Email address: |       |
| Mailing address: |       |
| City:  |        | Country: |       |
| Postal code if applicable: |       |
| Are there other US district Rotary clubs and/or other non-Rotary organizations supporting this project? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If yes, please identify them and the amounts they are providing:        |

**Due Dates**

**Applications must be RECEIVED no later than the last Tuesday of September, January, or April.**

If a grant is approved, checks will usually be sent by the last day of October, February or May.

Grant applications should be emailed if possible. If they are mailed, please allow at least a week for delivery.

For local, regional or US projects, email to: Trina Westerlund

 jte@seanet.com

Or mail to Community Grants Committee

Rotary Club of Mercer Island

P.O. Box 1, Mercer Island, WA 98040

For international projects, email to: Novelett Cotter

 ncrikki@gmail.com

 Vyvienne Stumbles

 vyviennes@ticketstotravel.com

Or mail to: International Grants Committee

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