**Announcing Application for the**

**San Dimas Rotary**

**Teacher Mini-Grant Program**

Teachers in grades 1 – 12 of a public school located within the city limits of San Dimas are eligible to apply for a one-time Mini-Grant offered by the Rotary Club of San Dimas. Mini-Grants are awarded up to $500, for classroom materials or programs that would otherwise be unfunded. Teachers must request grants individually. A teacher may apply for one (1) mini-grant per year; an individual teacher may receive no more than one (1) mini-grant per year.

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Date: **10/24/22**

Teacher’s Name: **Cristina Cortez**

School: **Chaparral High School** Grade Level: **10 - 12**

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Amount Requested: **$ 500**

Is your school a public or tax-exempt organization: **Yes**

Please provide a brief (500 words or less) description of your intended use for the funds. If appropriate, please indicate how San Dimas Rotary members may offer *active* assistance. (Feel free to add attachments, if needed.)

Yearbooks are a very important part of the high school experience. Yearbooks reflect the events and people throughout a school year. The yearbook serves as a memory book, a history book, a record book, and a reference book. The yearbook class gives students valuable experience in journalism, publishing, and photography. All of these yearbook components are important to creating an effective yearbook, but to the students, the most important component is photography.

I encourage students to take as many pictures as possible. I tell them for every 20 pictures they take, only 4 or 5 will be good pictures. The pictures are the main part of the yearbook so we want to have the best pictures we can get. To get the best pictures possible students need to have adequate equipment. Currently, my yearbook class has two working cameras. When students do not have access to a camera they use their cell phones to take pictures but that is not the best solution. The majority of students have iPhones and iPhones now save pictures in the HEIC format which is not compatible with the yearbook software. Students have to download the pictures from their iPhones to a computer and convert the pictures from HEIC to JPEG and then download the pictures again. This adds extra steps to the process as students can’t just upload to the yearbook site from their phones. Another camera in yearbook would simplify this process by allowing students to upload directly to the yearbook site from the camera.

Photographs are an integral part of telling our school story. Good photographs improve a yearbook spread and students can look back on their cherished memories and work with pride. Students enjoy seeing themselves in a yearbook and they deserve a quality product.

**The deadline for this application period is December 16th, 2022**

**Return Applications to: San Dimas Rotary, P.O. Box 713, San Dimas, Ca 91773**

**or e-mail to: SanDimasRotary@gmail.com**

**or fax to: (909) 305-1133**

Requests for capital projects such as equipment, tools, etc. are made to enhance a teacher’s unique ability to instruct students. Grants for field trips and non-capital expenditures must be used within 120 days of funding.

Grant requests for a current cycle will not be automatically carried forward to the next funding period. However, a teacher may resubmit a similar (or identical) request for an unfunded project in subsequent grant cycles.

The San Dimas Rotary requests that any teacher who receives an award submit some evidence that their project was completed successfully. Photos or newspaper articles submitted by teachers may be used to promote the Mini-Grant Program.