**Williamston Sunrise Rotary**

**Grant Application**

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| **Name of Applicant Organization: Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club(WRCGC)** |
| **Briefly describe your organization’s mission or purpose: The WRCGC mission is to stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs; to promote the study of horticulture and floral design, to provide resources and opportunities for its members to promote protection of native trees, plants, birds, pollinators, civic beautification and environmental responsibilities.** |
| **Contact Name: Butterfly Garden Team Leader** | **Phone Number☹517)349-1074** |
| **Contact : Joan Wright** | **Email Address:dr.joan.elliza@gmail.com** |
| **Grant Amount Requested:$1500(ish)** | **Mailing Address:** **600 e.Sherwood Road****Williamston, MI 48895** |
| **Projected Start Date :April 2023** |
| **Projected Completion Date :November 2023** |
| **Is applicant a 501C3 Organization?**\_\_X\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_**No** |
| If yes, **Federal Tax ID#:813846624** |
| **Does the project affect any of these Rotary Causes (see guideline definitions)?**\_\_X\_ Supporting Environment;  XX\_Promoting Equity, Inclusion and Diversity;\_\_\_ Promoting Peace;   \_\_\_Fighting Disease;   \_\_\_Saving Mothers and Children;\_\_X\_ Supporting Education;  \_\_\_Providing Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene\_\_\_ Supporting Local Economies;  \_\_\_Fighting Hunger;  \_\_\_Promoting Arts and Humanities**Briefly describe how the project supports one or more of the above:** **The WRCGC plants and maintains 8 gardens in the City of Williamston. The Butterfly Garden is located in Old Mill Park. Our first step toward protecting pollinators was to provide the appropriate flowers they need using no pesticides. The garden contains only plants that honey bees, native bees as well as butterflies, moths and hummingbirds find most nutritious.** **Our second step was to provide the Butterfly Garden with knowledge of the plants selected. The garden offers an educational signage indicating the plant species common name. It is intended to help the community know which plants provide a healthy habitat for pollinators to thrive and survive. Visitors hopefully will adopt this information into their own gardens.** **Our third step in the name of equality, inclusion and diversity, must be to provide equal access to the pollinator garden in Old Mill Park. The garden must become accessible to all visitors, the garden must have a handicap accessible sidewalk. We envision it branching off the newly paved river walk on the south side of the Red Cedar river. As the WRCGC uses most of its income to plant and maintain civic improvement, we are requesting Rotary to assist us in establishing this handicap accessible sidewalk.** |
| **How many people will this project serve?****The whole community of greater Williamston, city, township, visitors and most significantly those with mobility issues and disabilities.** |
| **Describe the community need(s) or problem(s) this project will address:**  **There is NO HANDICAPPED ACESS to the Butterfly Garden in Old Mill Park. It is of great need to those in our community who are handicapped and have mobility issues.** |
| **Describe the projected benchmarks of success (steps)  of this project:** **April May solicit sidewalk installer vendors, Consult on design, materials, install length of time, date of availability and cost.** **Accept best competitive bid. Acquire written and signed agreement on design, install time and cost. Proceed.** |
| **Provide a timeline of the proposed project:** **April 2023 Solicit vendors and consult on design and materials and overall plan. May coordinate with support partnerships in accepting vendor prepares and installs. June accept low bid. Install is contingent on the vendors availability proceed with install June, July, or August. Sept October, finish, pay bill and dedicate with partners in attendance.** |
| **Explain how Rotary will be recognized for this support:** **Install a recognition brick in the handicapped accessible sidewalk during the install phase of this project. Consult with partnership on design on recognition brick.** |
| **Will there be matching funds from other sources? Explain.**  **The Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club voted in their March 2023 meeting to act and support as a partner in this project of installing a handicapped accessible sidewalk to the Butterfly Garden in Old Mill Park.** |
| **Please submit application in electronic format:****To the Attention of: WSR President Elect,** **williamstonsunriserotary@gmail.com** |

**Grant Application Checklist:**

Prior to submitting, the Grant Contact, please review the following checklist:

* Is the  Application LEGIBLE?
* Does the Application detail how the Project is aligned to one or more of  the Rotary Causes.
* Does the Application provide a detailed Project description & timeline?
* Does the Application provide achievable BENCHMARKS?
* Is the  Application SIGNED by Grant Contact?