

Dear Applicant,

Normally, Marion Rotary is unlikely to provide operating funds as we do not want an organization to become dependent on our small grants. Rather we have favored applications for onetime expenditures that provide a foundation that allows a charity to operate more effectively, expand its reach, or provide a new service to the community.

This year however, members of the Marion Rotary Club are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as taking lives, has caused terrible hardship to the members of our community who were already the most economically vulnerable. Hard workers, who were living from paycheck to paycheck, lost the jobs that allowed them to house and feed their family.

Therefore, for the 2020-21 grant year, Marion Rotary will consider awards of operating funds if the charity can show a temporary need caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need may be caused by a temporary loss of its usual funding, greater demand for its services, or because it is providing new services.

Please help us by including with the attached application answers to these three questions.

- 1) How has the COVID_19 pandemic affected your organization's ability to carry out its mission?
- 2) How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the needs of the people you serve?
- 3) How has your organization responded to these changing needs? It would be helpful if we were provided the changes that have resulted from the pandemic to your organization's (or just the proposed project's) income and expenses.

Thank you.

Leslie Schneider,
Rotary Grant Committee Chair

GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE MARION ROTARY FOUNDATION, INC.

The Marion Rotary Foundation awards grants that meet one or more of the following guidelines:

- Satisfy an unmet need in the Marion community.
- Benefit a large number of people and have a long-term impact.
- Provide good visibility of Rotary's grant within the community.
- Build self-esteem and hope for the future among participants.
- Rotary Foundation's support should be critical to the success of the impact.

The Marion Rotary Foundation **will not** award grants to:

- Organizations unless they qualify under the Internal Revenue Code as organized exclusively for purposes that are charitable, religious, scientific, literary, educational, or to prevent cruelty to children or animals or are governmental entities as defined by 26 USC 501(c)(3) and 170(c).
- Promote political campaigns for individuals or issues.
- Benefit specific religious, ethnic, military, fraternal or labor groups.
- Benefit individual schools or school districts.
- Benefit specific individuals, except to sponsor participation in Rotary programs or to fund Marion Rotary scholarships.

Grants should reflect the following core values of the Marion Rotary Club:

- Improve the general quality of life in Marion.
- Have a lasting impact on the community.
- Promote human diversity within the community.
- At least some grants should be aligned with Rotary International to promote an understanding of the world outside the local community.
- Grants may be designed to encourage participation of Marion Rotary Club members.

Grants should meet needs in at least one of the following areas:

- Education.
- Character and value development among youth.
- Cultural and/or performing arts.
- Community appearance.
- Recreation.
- International Rotary projects.
- Human services.

WHAT IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL?

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

THE MARION ROTARY CLUB/FOUNDATION
Annual Community Grant Application Packet

TO: Marion County 501(c)3 Charitable Organizations

FROM: Patti Garner, Marion Rotary Club/Foundation Secretary

RE: Annual Community Grant Request

DATE: August 17, 2020

Please find a Grant Application along with an overview of the Grant Funding Priorities for the Marion Rotary Foundation. Any grant funds awarded as a result of this Grant Application must be utilized by June 30, 2021.

Requests for grants must be received by **August 31, 2020**. Please complete and submit the Grant Application, along with a copy of your organization's current budget and projected budget covering the timeframe of your request.

Please also include any other requested documents, as well as any supporting information. These documents will be submitted to a committee of the Marion Rotary Club for review and recommendation to the board.

Mail these documents to:

The Marion Rotary Club/Foundation
P.O. Box 1091
Marion, OH 43301-1091

Or, email to: pgarner@jhbltd.com

Several annual (one-time) grants, generally range from \$500 to \$2,500 each, will be awarded for the remainder of the current Rotary fiscal year (ending June 30, 2021). These grants may vary in the exact amount, but should not exceed \$2,500.

Please note the priorities for funding which are included with this application, as they are important. We hope you will work with us to meet the objectives of Rotary, and the important needs of the Marion community. We would also appreciate if you could provide a short press release for us to use in order to inform the public of our support of your organization, if you should be awarded a grant.

In addition, we request that you provide the name of a current member of the Marion Rotary Club as a reference on your application. Also, if you are awarded a grant, we would request that a representative from your organization appear at a Rotary Club meeting to accept a check and explain how you will utilize the funds.

If you provide a hard copy of your application, please print or copy on only one side of your application, using 8-1/2 X 11 paper without any staples, so as to facilitate scanning/coping the information for those reviewing the materials.

If you submit an application, you will be notified by the result of your request.

Please call **740-382-9737** or email **pgarner@jhbltd.com**, if you should have any questions about this information.

Sincerely,

Patti Garner
Secretary, Marion Rotary Club/
Marion Rotary Foundation

Attachments:

Marion Rotary Club-Foundation - Annual Community Grant Application

Marion Rotary Club-Foundation - Grant Funding Priorities

Marion Rotary Club/Foundation

P.O. Box 1091

Marion, Ohio 43301-1091

Annual Community Grant Application

The undersigned hereby makes a request for funding from the Marion Rotary Club/Marion Rotary Foundation, Inc.

1. Legal name of the organization:

2. Description of the organization's purpose:

3. Does the organization have tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3, 501(c)4, or educational organization?

Yes _____ No _____

4. If yes, attach evidence of tax-exempt status.

5. Name, address, and telephone number of responsible organization representative to contact:

6. Name of a current member of the Marion Rotary Club that would serve as a reference for your grant request:

7. Specific amount requested: \$ _____

8. Outline, as briefly as possible: the proposal to be accomplished, including: services to be rendered or items to be purchased, a time period of the proposal, a summary of how the proposal or items purchased will benefit the Marion community, how the involvement of the Marion Rotary Club will be publicized, plans for continued funding in subsequent years if necessary, plans for determining the effectiveness of the proposal, a budget to include other funding sources, and any other pertinent information, such as implementation, etc. Also, please reference consideration for the Grant Funding Priorities for the Marion Rotary Foundation.

9. Attach a copy of the most recent budget for your organization, along with a projected budget for the year in which this funding, as requested, would be utilized.

Please use additional paper/pages for your responses as needed, following the instructions from the cover letter.

Signature_____

Printed Name_____

Title_____

Date_____