

## **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.