

# District 7360 Community Grant Application 2020-2021

Rotary club of State College

Application deadline Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

Applicants should submit projects that have an impact on our local community and should fit within our club's mission to have a positive and lasting impact on our community. Each Rotary club may award 2 different community district grants this year. The total amount available from our club for 2020-2021 is \$4,000. In this year where so many organizations and community members are in need we would like to spread the funds out to help as many as possible so please apply for only as much money as you need to make the project happen. Please be sure to answer item #4 on the application in as much detail as possible. Funds must be used for something tangible. Operating expenses or salaries cannot be funded. Grant monies are typically available by December 1 and the project must be completed by the following June 30.

Project Title: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

Organization: Centre LifeLink EMS, Inc. Amount of funds requested: Any available

Organization is an IRS recognized 501c3 nonprofit Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization has previously applied for a Rotary Club of State College Grant? NO X YES \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, was the grant funded? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NARRATIVE FORM:

- Briefly describe the proposed project. What will be done, when and where will the project take place, and who will benefit from the project?** Centre LifeLink EMS (LifeLink) is the primary provider of Emergency Medical Services and transportation in the Centre Region. LifeLink provides care and transport for all individuals when 911 is called. LifeLink personnel take universal precautions on all calls they respond to and additional precautions on patients who are suspected or confirmed to have Influenza-like Illness (ILI). For patients who exhibit signs and symptoms of ILI, LifeLink personnel don full gowns, N-95 masks and eye protection in addition to the hand sanitizer, surgical masks, gloves and other universal precautions they already take on every patient response. In addition, a surgical mask is placed on the patient exhibiting the signs and symptoms if they are able to tolerate such.  
The need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is an on-going need so long as the COVID-19 virus is present. There currently is no projected end date for this pandemic.  
The project will take place primarily in the Centre Region but will also take place in other areas of Centre County when LifeLink provides mutual aid services to other ambulance organizations who are unable to respond to calls in their primary response areas.

All residents and visitors to Centre County could benefit from this project as COVID-19 does not discriminate.

2. **How will the project benefit the community and for how long? Approximately how many people will benefit from the project?** The PPE project would benefit the community in decreasing the spread of the coronavirus as well as protecting the emergency responders so that they may continue to provide their vital services.

It is unknown how many people will benefit from the project. LifeLink EMS as responded to 1,930 ambulance calls from 03/08/20 – 08/08/20 or an average of 88 ambulance calls per week. Again, Universal precautions are taken on every response and additional precautions are taken for those with confirmed or suspected ILI.

3. **Will there be an expectation and or opportunity for our club members to participate in the project? If so, how? Will there be other cooperating organization(s) also involved and what will their role be?** There will not be an expectation for club members to participate in the project. Any financial support would be greatly appreciated but a direct opportunity to participate would be very difficult as we would not want to subject club members to potential exposure.

4. **Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted? NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES X\_\_\_\_\_**  
**If yes will the project be modified if this occurs? NO X\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ in what way?** LifeLink will continue to respond to emergencies including those in which patients present with ILI so long as they have the PPE available to protect themselves and the patients. LifeLink has seen a significant decrease in revenue since the start of the coronavirus due to a decrease in call volume. This decrease in call volume/revenue is primarily due to the absence of the Penn State students. In 2019 LifeLink responded to an average of 122 calls per week however since the start of the pandemic, LifeLink is averaging 88 calls per week. This results in a significant decrease in revenue since LifeLink must remain ready to respond to calls at all times. Since March 8, 2020 there have been 59 times in which LifeLink has been dispatched to 3 or more calls at the same time. Therefore, reduction in operational staffing is not a good option. The decrease in net operational revenue compared to 2019 is now over \$600,000.

5. **Which, if any, of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus will this project support?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

XX Disease prevention and treatment

\_\_\_\_\_ Water and sanitation

\_\_\_\_\_ Maternal and child health

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic education and literacy

\_\_\_\_\_ Economic and community development

6. **What, if any, opportunities might be available for recognition of Rotary support of your project?** LifeLink would definitely recognize Rotary's support of the project through their social media avenues and would be willing to provide Rotary with photos of LifeLink personnel wearing the PPE as desired.

Grant Application Signatures:

Organizational Leadership (Executive Director, CEO, etc):

Scott Mann, Exec. Director

Organizational Leadership Volunteer (Board Chair or President):

[Signature]

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