

sources contacted that will install the equipment. The school system doesn't have the resources to do the installation and neither does the Rotary Club of Martinsburg, WV.

BCI Burke has provided a quote for doing the work in the amount of \$28,512.45 and a copy of it is enclosed with this application. The Berkeley County School System has resources sufficient to cover all but \$8,000.00 and they are seeking assistance from Rotary for obtaining this amount.

3. How will the project benefit the community? Approximately how many people will benefit from the project?

There are currently over 3,800 special needs children/students living in Berkeley County, West Virginia. The playground equipment available to them is not handicapped accessible and does not meet their needs. As a result, they usually do not participate in playground activities and can feel very isolated and excluded from other students, their schools, and the community. Berkeley Heights Elementary School is approximately in the middle of the county making it an ideal location for access for students at that school and for students from other county schools. It is planned that the special needs swings and Spinner will be installed next to the existing playground equipment at Berkeley Heights so all children, regardless of any disability, will be able to communicate and play in close proximity with each other. The Spinner allows them to play together on the same piece of equipment. The special needs students will receive significant health benefits from exercising and playing on the swings and Spinner and they will also likely develop a strong feeling of inclusiveness and friendship with other students. These physical and mental health benefits will help the special needs children to be better students in the classroom.

4. Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted? NO YES _____
If yes will the project be modified if this occurs? NO _____ YES _____ in what way?

The quote from BCI Burke noted above is for providing and installing the wheelchair platform accessible swings and the Spinner and for installing it. As noted earlier, the goal of this project is to create an inclusive playground that is accessible to all children regardless of disability. The two swings and the Spinner are believed to be the minimal equipment items necessary for establishing a playground that is of meaningful service to special needs students with physical disabilities. We do not recommend downsizing the scope of the project. In addition, purchasing the equipment and installing it are not severable work tasks since neither Berkeley County Schools nor the Rotary Club of Martinsburg have the resources to perform the required installation.

5. How does this project reflect the mission of The Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation webpage contains the mission statement for the organization at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>. It reads:

“The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty.”

We believe strongly that the proposed installation of the wheelchair platform accessible swings and the Spinner at Berkeley Heights Elementary School in Martinsburg is in accordance with the mission statement. Specifically, use of the equipment will allow the special needs students to have regular exercise thus improving their physical health. Also, they will be able to interact with all students and feel included since the special needs swings and Spinner will be placed with the other school playground equipment. The physical and mental health improvements resulting from installing these equipment items are expected to help the special students to achieve a better-quality education experience.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- All 2021-22 Rotary Foundation Certified Clubs may submit one (1) Community Grant Proposal if they gave \$6,000 or less to Annual Fund in 2018-19 OR two Community Grant Proposals if Annual fund giving exceeded \$6,000 OR one (1) collaborative project with one or more clubs.
- Each year the Rotary Club must be certified. Please check to certify that the following steps for the 2021-22 Certification have been completed:

Two (2) club members must attend yearly a Grant Management Seminar (GMS) held by District 7360.

Clubs must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the District 7360 Grants Subcommittee by September 15th 2021

Clubs must have entered at least 13 goals for the 2021-22 fiscal year in MyRotary by September 15, 2021

Clubs must disclose any conflicts of interest and cooperate with any District or TRF audit.

Club President or designee must have attended PETS or equivalent training.

Club must be current on Rotary International and District Dues.

Reminder: The club will receive the grant money when the final report and all receipts have been submitted to the District Grants Committee Chair

Grant Application Signatures:

Rotary Club President (2021-22): Stevetruax e-mail: stevetruax@me.com

Rotary Club President-Elect (2021-22): P. Mulford e-mail: plm8410@aol.com

Rotary Club Grants Chair: (2021-22): Ken Martin e-mail: fryed1@msn.com

Submit by e-mail to Ken Martin, kpmartin@stamps.org and Pam Wagoner, depotflorist@yahoo.com

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