

District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2021-22

Application Deadline: September 15, 2021

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Community Project International

Rotary Club of: **State College Sunrise Rotary Club**

Project Title: **Park Forest Preschool**

Amount of funds requested from District **\$810.00**

Amount of funds committed by Rotary Club for Project: **\$1190.00** (Must be equal to or greater than amount of funds requested from District)

2021-2022 Club Grants Chair

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No project may start until final approval is received from District 7360 and The Rotary Foundation

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NARRATIVE FORM:

1. Briefly describe the proposed project. What will be done, when and where will the project take place, and who will benefit from the project?

The Park Forest Day Nursery Preschool is a non-profit, tuition free program serving low-income families with 2, 3, and 4-year-old children in the State College area. The preschool team, comprised of the board, the director, the staff, and volunteers are committed to prepare preschool children to be ready physically, emotionally, and cognitively for kindergarten. They also provide supportive parenting programs, dental and vision screening, a clothing room when needs exist, emergency contingency funds, and two nutritious meals a day based on the belief "every family deserves respect and support raising children in a loving, safe, and stimulating environment." This grant award will offset shortfalls in the 2021-22 preschool budget in two key areas—school supplies and dental and vision screening. Approval of the grant application will provide an immediate infusion of needed funds essential to the success of the current school year. The 33 registered students and their families will be the beneficiaries. The availability of this unique day nursery and companion preschool program allows parents who otherwise could not afford this opportunity for their children, to work and support the primary needs of the family.

2. How many club members will participate in the project and in what role? Is there a cooperating organization also involved and what will their role be?

Typically, 12-15 club members participate in various aspects of this program during the year. One member coordinates the collection and delivery of age-appropriate books twice a year to help grow the pre-school library. In addition, for many years guest speakers who provided weekly programs at club meetings were rewarded with a book with their name and date inside donated to the preschool. We are partnering with the United Way, the Park Forest Methodist Church, and a number of private donors to fulfill the financial and in-kind contributions necessary to operate this school year. On average it takes a gift of \$5000 to fully fund one child's education for a year. The United Way's allocation virtually covers the cost of meals. The Methodist church provides the classrooms, kitchen, restrooms, and housekeeping at no charge. This District Grant will cover all dental and vision screening and a major portion of the classroom supplies. Historically, private gifting realized from various fundraising initiatives cover shortfalls and ensures a robust yearlong program for the students and their families.

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

The Park Forest program is comprehensive and continues to grow in scope since its inception in 1967. It helps prepare preschoolers how to learn, how to socialize, and how to play. It builds confidence so the youngsters are ready to enter kindergarten on even par with peers from diverse social-economic backgrounds. The staff helps "parent" children along with their natural parents. These children are prepared to learn and therefore more likely to succeed and lead happy, productive lives full of hopes and dreams. Along with the benefits afforded this year's 33 students, their 60-some parents will be unencumbered with child care concerns and expenses, so they can enjoy full employment opportunities, a better quality of life for the family, and a minimal, if any dependence on supplemental community social services.

3. 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 _____ YES X in what way?

Should private donations lag, or other service organizations cannot provide their traditional services, some “extra benefits” will be reduced. However, Meals, classroom experiences, and dental and vision screenings will continue uncompromised.

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

The mission of Rotary is first and foremost *service to others*. Reaching out to low income families with preschool children who otherwise could not afford combined day care and educational programs, is an opportunity for the Sunrise Rotary to seek the District Grant so they can partner with this legacy community program and provide a “hand-up” to members of this humble group. This grant meets the goals of at least three of the *Seven Areas of Focus* set forth by Rotary International—maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

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:

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