

**District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2022-23**

**Application Deadline: August 1, 2022 This form must be**  
**typed.**

  X   Community Project        International

Rotary Club of:   Altoona Sunrise Rotary  

Project Title:   Big Brothers/Big Sisters Outdoor Raised Garden Beds  

Amount of funds requested from District:   \$1,508.00  

Amount of funds committed by Rotary Club for Project:   \$1,508.00   (Must be equal to or greater than amount of funds requested from District)

2022-23 Club Grants Chair   Helen P. Schmitt     helenpschmitt@gmail.com    
( Name ) (E-mail)

2022-23 Club Chair of this project   Helen P. Schmitt     helenpschmitt@gmail.com    
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(Name) (E-mail)

**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 how many people will benefit from the project? How will the project benefit the community?

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County operates out of an older house located on 891 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Altoona, PA. Across the alley from the office is a dilapidated house that has been generously donated to the organization. The city of Altoona has agreed to use funds out of the "Blighted Housing" funding to raze the house and fill in the property. The deadline for this to be done is August 31, 2022. Once the house has been razed, BB/BS would like to build two raised communal garden beds on the lot. The project would also include the installation of a picnic table, fence and security cameras overlooking the lot.

The two communal raised garden beds will be purchased and constructed on the lot. Various vegetable plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, among others will be planted in the garden and tended to by various volunteers, who have already expressed interest in gardening. The produce from the garden will be picked, placed in produce boxes, and given to different families of the children in their programs.

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?

Once the lot is cleared by the city, BB/BS will need help with building and starting the gardens, several Altoona Sunrise Rotary members as well as other BB/BS volunteers will assist with the construction. In addition, if any Rotarian would like to help maintain the garden, BB/BS would more than welcome them to continue helping for as long as they so choose.

3. Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted? Yes If yes, will the project be modified if this occurs, and if so, how?

The Altoona Sunrise Rotary funding would be a gamechanger for BB/BS. They would be able to confidently know that they could provide a few raised communal garden beds, rather than one small bed. With more beds, more people will benefit; both in gardening and in produce output. More funding means they can also make sure the lot is secured with wireless cameras, as well. In the event the final cost of the project is greater than the grant funds, the project will be downsized, with the exception of the raised gardens, to work with the awarded grant funds.

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

The project reflects the mission in so many ways, such as improving the environment (demolition of the existing property and replacing it with plants improves the environment and air quality through the elimination of pollutants), goodwill and peace/quality education/alleviating poverty (working side by side with each other to produce life sustaining foods), and improving health (fresh vegetables and recipes).

With the distribution of food boxes, as well as the gardening course to be offered, BB/BS is hoping to serve approximately 50-70 people, both families and children, with the gardening lot. Bigs (the adult volunteers) and Littles (the children enrolled in the program) will benefit from classes, and families will benefit from the food distribution. In addition, easy recipes will be included in the boxes to help families prepare easy and inexpensive meals. The current state of the lot is abysmal. Being able to raze it and install a community garden will help not only the unsightliness of the lot now, but also the overall community aura that a garden can bring. With Altoona Sunrise Rotary's help, BB/BS can make the city a better place, lot by lot.



## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- All 2022-23 Rotary Foundation Certified Clubs may submit one (1) Community Grant Proposal if they gave \$6,000 or less to Annual Fund in 2019-20 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 2022-23 certification have been completed:

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

One (1) club member must attend yearly a Grant Management Seminar (GMS) held by District 7360.

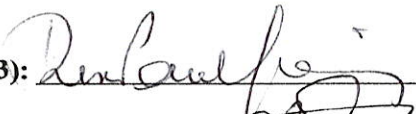
Clubs must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the District 7360 Grants Subcommittee by August 1, 2022


Clubs must have entered a (non-zero) Annual Fund Goal and at least 13 goals for the 2022-23 Rotary year in MyRotary by August 1, 2022


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 (2022-23):  e-mail: RenePaulsen610@yahoo.com

Rotary Club President-Elect (2022-23):  e-mail: melanie@lakemontparkfun.com

Rotary Club Grants Chair: (2022-23):  e-mail: helenpschmidt@gmail.com

Submit by e-mail to Ken Martin, [kpmartin@stamps.org](mailto:kpmartin@stamps.org) and Pam Wagoner, [depotflorist@yahoo.com](mailto:depotflorist@yahoo.com)

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