

District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2022-23

Application Deadline: August 1, 2022

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Community Project International

Rotary Club of: Shepherdstown, WV

Project Title: Back to School Back Pack Project

Amount of funds requested from District: \$1,849

Amount of funds committed by Rotary Club for Project: \$2,000 (Must be equal to or greater than amount of funds requested from District)

2022-23 Club Grants Chair Walt Eifert weifert@frontier.com
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2022-22 Club Treasurer Jack Lanzy jlantzy@sek.com
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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 how many people will benefit from the project? How will the project benefit the community?

Please See Attachment 1 for Narrative

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?

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3. Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted?

If yes, will the project be modified if this occurs, and if so, how?

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

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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.

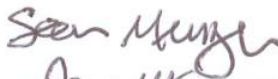
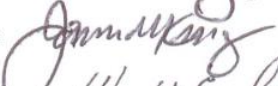
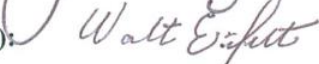
Clubs must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the District 7360 Grants Subcommittee by August 1, 2022

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:	sean.r.murtagh@gmail.com
Rotary Club President-Elect (2022-23):		e-mail:	jim.king.aia@gmail.com
Rotary Club Grants Chair: (2022-23):		e-mail:	weifert@frontier.com

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

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Attachment 1

2022 Rotary District 7360 Community Grant Application Narrative

Proposed *Back-to-School Backpack* Project Rotary Club of Shepherdstown, WV

Item 1.

Project Description: The *Back-to-School Backpack project* was developed to provide up to **120 needy elementary school children** with a **backpack filled with school supplies** required by the schools for purchase by parents. The program is targeting three Jefferson County, WV Title 1 Schools and a low-income day-care center for needy students. A Title 1 school is defined as having 40% or more of its student body coming from low-income needy families. The four schools targeted for the project are identified below:

- 1. T.A. Lowery Elementary School;**
- 2. North Jefferson Elementary School;**
- 3. Ranson Elementary School; and**
- 4. Shepherdstown Day Care Center.**

The supplies used to fill the backpacks will be obtained from local vendors and meet the requirements developed by each school for its returning students. **A minimum of 30 backpacks per school** will be provided to school administrators for distribution to selected needy students.

What Will Be Done and When: The Shepherdstown Rotary Club's **Youth Service Committee** will enlist the assistance of up to 20 Shepherdstown Rotarians to fill the backpacks with pre-purchased supplies and to distribute them to the four schools identified above. **The project will begin in early August to ensure delivery by late August, 2022**, the anticipated time students will be returning to school. **Project beneficiaries** will include **parents** unable to afford the supplies required by the schools, the **students** who will have the supplies they need to perform in the classroom and boost self-esteem, **underpaid teachers** who so often buy the supplies with their own money to ensure they are available for the needy kids, **school administrators** with tight budgets limiting their ability to provide needed supplies, and **the community**, knowing that our needy students have the supplies they need to succeed. As a final note, according to Fortune Magazine (July 18, 2022), the average back-to-school cost per child is reported at \$661; a high cost indeed for needy families to bear.

Where Will the Project Take Place: The project will provide a minimum of **30 supply-filled backpacks** to **each** of the four Jefferson County, WV schools identified above. The backpacks

will be delivered to the school administrators for distribution to those students they deem most in need.

How many People will Benefit from the Project: Project beneficiaries will include a minimum of 120 students, at least that many parents, to many participating teachers, and to the 70 members of the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown for knowing they are contributing to the well-being of our community.

How will the Project Benefit the Community and for how long: The project will provide much-needed assistance to needy families struggling to obtain school supplies for their children. The current shrinking economy and sky-high energy and food costs have stressed already meager budgets to the breaking point. Something as simple as assisting them with school supplies will ultimately benefit the community, participating schools, parents and importantly, the kids themselves. Hopefully, the supplies provided to each student will last through the 2022-2023 academic year.

Item 2.

Number of Club Members Participating and in what role: Up to 20 Club members will participate in the project. Their roles will be to organize and fill the backpacks with school supplies from lists provided by the four recipient schools. They will also deliver the backpacks to each school when completed.

Cooperating Organizations: The four recipient schools identified above are cooperating organizations in the project. However, no funding assistance will be provided by any of the schools. Their roles in the project will be to identify and distribute the backpacks to those needy students they deem most appropriate.

Item 3.

Will the project be completed if less than the requested funds are granted: Yes

Will the project be modified if this occurs: Yes – a reduction in Grant funding will reduce the number of backpacks provided to the needy students in our area. Full funding of the Grant is thus respectfully sought.

Item 4.

How does this project reflect the mission of The Rotary Foundation: The **mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International** is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the **support of education**, and the **alleviation of poverty**. This project is certainly consistent with the stated mission of the Rotary Foundation.

By design, the **Back-to-School Backpack** program is a vehicle for Rotarians to support **the continuing education of our needy elementary students**, parents and community during the

uncertainties associated with the economy, current elevated rates of inflation, and highly stressed budgets. The program also provides an excellent opportunity for the **Rotary Club of Shepherdstown** to develop, maintain and sustain **long-lasting** community, parental and civic relationships with, and **goodwill** among, the people of Jefferson County, West Virginia.