Submitted by David McCartney

Club members;

Your help is needed to spread the word about the Rotary Club Of Asheville’s Harry R. Morrill Community Grant opportunity.

Attached is the grant application. I encourage you to forward it on to organizations that you feel may benefit from, not only the $1250 grant, but also the chance to share their organization’s mission with club members at one of our 2024 meetings.

Today’s announcement at the meeting from the Community Grants Committee is to update you on the Harry R Morrill Community Grants for 2024

As a reminder on how these grants began; in 1981 Harry R. Morrill donated to funds our Rotary Club with the intent to use the spendable income “for educational or local charitable donations that conform to Rotary ideals.”

To apply for a grant, recipient organizations must be classified as a 501 (c)(3) public charity, church, school, or government agencies.

Eligible charitable purposes for these grants include support for health, human services, the arts, and education.

Applications for grants must be received by October 31, 2023, for projects proposed for the 2024 calendar year.

The Community Grants Committee members will review all applications, guided by Mr. Morrill's intention that a wide range of worthwhile community projects be supported.

The Committee members expect to recommend 10 organizations to our club’s board for approval.  These organizations will each receive $1250.

Grants will be awarded in December 2023 and the recipient organization’s representative will be invited to attend one of our 2024 meetings.

The application is also posted on club’s public website under the club’s links tab.

The application is very straightforward and not at all cumbersome for an organization to complete.

Please contact me, committee chair David McCartney, with any questions at david.mccartney@hotelarras.com.

*“Who Was Harry Morrill?”*
*Thanks to club member and historian Dick Hall on this piece of Rotary history about Harry Morrill:*
*Mr. Morrill moved to Asheville in 1965 and joined the Rotary Club of Asheville in 1972 at age 81. He was, however, very familiar with Rotary having been a Rotarian for 35 years in California and was District Governor of District 526 which covered Southern California-Nevada-Arizona at the time he was District Governor.*
*In 1981, on his 90th birthday he made the initial deposit for the Harry R Morrill Community Grants endowment and later, upon his death in 1986, he bequeathed additional funds to the endowment.*
*Harry Morrill was a Rotarian member for 49 years and his endowment has been serving our club’s work here in Ashville for 36 years.*

We, and the Asheville community, are fortunate to continue to benefit from Mr. Morrill’s foresight and his love of Rotary*.*

Thank you,
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