

# 2024 Rotary Club of Raleigh Grant Guidelines

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Locally, the Rotary Club of Raleigh does this through **RCOR Rotary Grants**. All interested applicants must complete a [Letter of Interest \(LOI\)](#) from the [Rotary Club of Raleigh](#). The [LOI](#) will open on **06/01/2024 and will close on 12/31/2024 at 5:00pm.**

## **RCOR ROTARY GRANTS**

RCOR Rotary Grants provide valuable funding support to address the changing needs of the greater Raleigh area through grant programs focused on improving our local community. Grants of \$2,500-\$10,000 will be awarded in 2025 that align local fields of interest with Rotary International's focus to take action on our world's most persistent issues.

The fields of interest for 2024 and examples projects/programs that would fall under these fields follow. **The Rotary Club of Raleigh Grants Committee only accepts [Letters of Interest](#) that fall under one or more of these Areas of Focus.**

### **1) Growing Local Economies**

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

### **2) Promoting Peace**

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

### **3) Fighting Disease**

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.

### **4) Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, Hygiene**

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

### **5) Supporting Education**

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### **6) Protecting the Environment**

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

### **7) Saving Mothers and Children**

Nearly six million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow

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## **Eligibility**

- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district located in and providing programming/services in Raleigh, NC. Applicants are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Raleigh, NC before applications are reviewed or funds awarded.
- Unincorporated groups must apply through a nonprofit, tax exempt corporation that acts as a fiscal sponsor. The fiscal sponsor is legally responsible for the administration of the contract, including all reporting requirements, and may charge a fee for its services. Applicants applying through a fiscal sponsor organization must meet the same requirements as other applicants, except for nonprofit status. The fiscal sponsor is responsible for an award. The fiscal sponsor receives the award check directly from the Rotary Club of Raleigh and is responsible for ensuring the completion of the final reports.

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- Priority will be given to programs, projects and events that directly serve historically disadvantaged communities in Raleigh and empower residents to achieve positive outcomes through sustainable self-sufficiency.
- Priority given to projects that are working to improve the lives of the residents of Raleigh. This means events that take place geographically in Raleigh, NC and/or programs that positively impact the residents of Raleigh, such as food security programs.

## Funding Restrictions

Grant funds cannot be used for any of the following:

- Activities outside of July 1, 2024-June 31, 2025.
- Activities that have a religious purpose.
- Payments to lobbyists.
- Cash prizes and awards.
- Benefit activities or fundraising events.

**Grant Amount – must be no more than ½ of the total cost of the project. Grantees must have matching dollars.**

Grants addressing one or both fields of interest that are selected to move to the full application stage can request \$2,500-\$10,000 but the requested dollars must be matched by a different source.

## Application Review Process

- All interested applicants must complete a [Letter of Interest \(LOI\)](#) and submit prior to the deadline to the following email address [rotaryclubofraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofraleigh@gmail.com).
- The LOI will open on **06/01/2024, and close on 12/31/2024, at 5:00pm.**
- LOIs will be reviewed for project eligibility and alignment with fields of interest.
- Full applications will open **06/01/2024 and will close on 04/24/2025 at 5:00pm.**
- Applicants will receive notification by **05/31/2025.**
- RCOR reserves the right to award a different amount than requested.