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Call for grant proposals, 2023-24 Rotary year

Your Rotary club wants your project proposals for 2023-24. Our club's work will be financed by grants from our own local tax-exempt foundation, supplemented by matching grants from Rotary District 7730.

The district has announced a deadline of August 1, 2023 for matching grants. Our club's Board of Directors must approve all proposals before they can be submitted to the district. The Board will also determine which projects will be funded entirely from local resources, and will request grants from our own foundation.

Those interested in requesting funding should submit, by no later than June 30, 2023, a *one-page* concept paper to the Grants Committee for review. The Grants Committee will then review the concept and if it meets the guidelines, will present the paper to the Board for their consideration. The concept paper should include:

- o Problem statement.
- Objective(s) to be achieved.
- o How the objectives will be accomplished.
- o Timeline. (District Grant projects must be completed within the 2023-24 year.)
- Detailed budget request.

Each proposal must include a description of how Rotarians will be actively involved in the project, a requirement for all grant funding. Proposals must also address the issue of how the project is to be sustained beyond the funding period.

Guidelines for proposal submission

- 1. The proposal must include *active* Rotarian involvement.
- 2. The proposal must address the issue of sustainability beyond the funding period.

Projects interested in requesting matching District Grant funds must also follow the guidelines established by Rotary District 7730:

Areas of Focus. The project must address one or more of the seven Areas of Focus established by Rotary International. Those are:

- 1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- 2. Disease prevention and treatment
- 3. Clean water and sanitation
- 4. Maternal and child health
- 5. Basic education and literacy
- 6. Economic and community development
- 7. The environment

Further details. Projects that are endorsed by the Board will require additional information to be submitted for District Grant consideration. Those submitting proposals should be preparing to supply these specifics:

- 1. Start and completion dates for project
- 2. Name and address to which grant payments are to be mailed
- 3. Project objectives: include the Area(s) of Focus and describe how the project will benefit the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate.
- 4. Active Rotarian involvement: Describe the nonfinancial participation by Rotarians in the project.
- 5. Publicity plan: How will the general public know this is a Rotary sponsored project?

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- 6. Cooperating organization: supply a letter confirming any outside group's commitment to participate.
- 7. Other Rotary clubs involved, if applicable
- 8. Budget (itemized)

Some musts to consider

- o Grants cannot be duplicates of previous-year grants. That is contrary to district policy.
- o Rotarians must play an active, physical role in the project.
- o Receipts must be kept and provided for the Final Report.
- o At least two photos that include Rotarians working on the project must be provided for the Final Report.

Schedule

- o Deadline to submit grant proposals: noon June 30, 2023
- o Rotary Grant Committee review: before July 7, 2023
- o Rotary Club Board of Directors review: after July 7, 2023
- o Deadline for complete applications for District Grants: August 1, 2023
- o District Grant Awards announced: early September 2023
- o Deadline for completion of District Grants and submission of Final Reports to district: March 31, 2024

Note: Final Reports must include itemized receipts and photographs of Rotarians participating!

Questions?

Contact Grants Chair Ernie Olds at eolds@beckermorgan.com or 910-341-7600 ext. 404