

# District 5580 District Simplified Grant Application

Please print or type all information and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

See District Simplified Grants (DSG) 'CRITERIA & GUIDELINES' (attached) for instructions, eligibility, and program requirements.

## FOR DISTRICT 5580 USE ONLY (once Grant is approved)

District Grant No. 13.4.14 Date Approved 4-18-13  
District Grant Subcommittee Chair Signature [Signature]  
District Rotary Foundation Chair Signature [Signature]

### 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please describe the project, its location, its objectives, and how they will be attained. Note: The project cannot be started until the district grants subcommittee approves the District Simplified Grant Application.

1. What is the purpose of this project? Provide a brief description.

The Ely Rotary Club is organizing a Peace Project for Ely, MN. This project idea began when we learned about the Peace Pole from District Governor Don Cavalier and when our Junior Rotarians returned from RYLA enthusiastic about "Ryan's Well." We have combined both ideas to create this community Peace Project. Our project has 3 elements: 1. Enlisting school children to fold paper cranes which we hope to sell to community organizations who want to participate in the Peace Pole and a donation to Ryan's Well. 2. Purchasing and erecting the Peace Pole and associated recognition plaque. 3. Donating \$2,000.00 to Ryan's Well.

The Ely Rotary Club has committed to purchase and erect the Peace Pole and donate \$1,000.00 to Ryan's Well. If our request for a District Simplified Grant for \$1,000.00 is approved, our donation to Ryan's Well will total \$2,000.00.

2. How will it meet the needs of the community? The real strength of this project is in our coming together with all of the groups in Ely to make it happen – a REAL Legacy of Peace. The Peace Pole will be installed in Whiteside Park in one of the garden areas. The media will love this Peace Project and Ely will be seen as the community that came together in a big show of cooperation and peace. The Rotary Club will be recognized as leading this effort. Visitors to Ely will be able to stop by the Peace Pole in Whiteside Park – it will become a nice place for reflection.

3. How will the host and partner(s) (District 5580 Rotary Club(s) and/or others) communicate and work together to implement this project? Please provide specific examples of activities. Our Club President will be presenting this project to District 5580 at the District Conference in April. The community organizations that contribute \$100.00 or more will be listed on the recognition plaque. The City of Ely has endorsed this project by granting us space in Whiteside Park and will assist in erecting the pole. (See minutes from the Ely City Council dated February 19, 2013)

Estimated project start date: April 22, 2013. Estimated project completion date May 10, 2013.

Final report will definitely be submitted in May 2013.

## 2. OTHER NON-ROTARY ORGANIZATIONS

If this project involves a cooperating organization, provide the name of the organization below, attaching a letter of participation from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities and how Rotarians will interact with the organization in the project. By signing this application, the Rotarian sponsors endorse the organization is reputable, responsible, registered with the project country, and acting within the laws of the project country.

The City of Ely will assist in erecting the Peace Pole in Whiteside Park, Ely, MN.

## 3. ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT MAKING THE APPLICATION

Name the club that will coordinate principal funding for the project and that will assume responsibility for the project. Ely Rotary Club

Project Contacts: Two Rotarians must be listed who will provide oversight and management of the project funds for the entire duration of the project, even if it continues into another Rotary year.

<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Additional Contact</b>
Name <u>Joany Haag</u>	Name <u>Diane Loughery</u>
Rotary position/title <u>President Ely Club</u>	Rotary position/title <u>Vice-president Ely Club</u>
E-mail <u>gm@wely.com</u>	E-mail <u>brneves47@yahoo.com</u>
Address <u>9325 Wolf Road</u> Street address <u>Ely</u> Town <u>55731</u> Country/postal code	Address <u>2749 Schaefer Road</u> Street address <u>Ely</u> Town <u>55731</u> Country/postal code

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**4. PROJECT BUDGET**

Include a complete itemized budget for the entire project. Please use separate pages if necessary.  
 Ryan's Well Donation \$2,000

Peace Pole Purchase - Red Cedar	89.79
Language Signs	117.05
Recognition Plaque	<u>672.00</u>
Total	\$2,878.84

TOTAL \$2,878.84

**5. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES**

- Who will own equipment, materials, or supplies? (Cannot be owned by a Rotary Club or Rotarian)  
 City of Ely
- Who will be responsible for maintenance, operating, and/or storage costs of the equipment/supplies? City of Ely and the Ely Rotary Club

**6. PROPOSED FINANCING**

If equipment/supplies will be shipped (in the event of this being an international project), have arrangements been made for custom clearance? NA

Please list all financing and indicate cash and District Simplified Grant money being requested.

Primary Sponsor Rotary Club	Amount Contributing
<u>Ely Rotary Club</u>	\$ <u>1,878.84</u>

Other Rotary Clubs/Districts

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Additional funding from other sources (if any)

SUBTOTAL 1,878.84

Amount requested from District Simplified Grant  
(Not to exceed amount contributed by Rotary Club(s))

1,000.00

TOTAL \$2,878.84

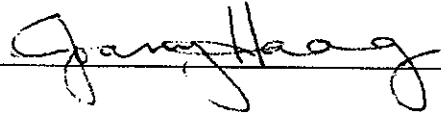
## 7. PUBLICITY

How will the general public know that this is a Rotary-sponsored project? Please provide details, e.g. publicity in a newspaper or display of the Rotary wheel. There have been articles in the newspaper talking about the upcoming Rotary Peace Project. The Rotary Logo was displayed at the presentation to the school children, the local Radio Station has covered the concept of the Peace Project and will be reporting on it as it progresses. The Peace Pole will have a plaque at its base naming the Ely Rotary Club and other local service clubs.

## 8. REPORT

The sponsoring club is required to complete and submit progress (interim) and final reports to the district grants subcommittee. Please indicate below the individual who will take primary responsibility for submitting these reports.

Name Joany Haag

Signature 

Name of Rotary Club Ely Rotary Club

## 9. ACTIVE ROTARIAN PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZATION

### Sponsorship Authorization

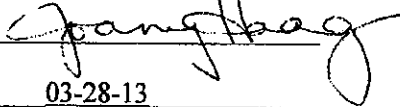
All Rotary Clubs and Districts involved in this project are responsible to the District 5580 Foundation Grants Subcommittee and ultimately to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for the conduct of the project and for reporting on it. The signature at the bottom of this page confirms that the sponsors understand and accept responsibility for the project. Sponsors may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

Please list below the activities your club will undertake demonstrating the active involvement of Rotarians in this project.

By signing below, we agree to the following:

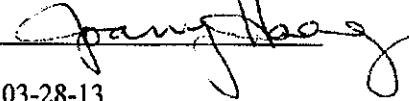
X All information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of our knowledge.

- X This application meets all District Simplified Grant criteria as stated in District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- X The club has agreed to undertake this project as an activity of the club.
- X We understand and will comply with the required Rotarian activities and reporting requirements as stated in the District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- X We agree that, should the project take more than six months to complete, interim reports will be submitted every six months from the time the grant is paid, and final reports will be provided no later than two months after the completion of the project.
- X Projects using DSG funds must be completed within two (2) years from the time of grant approval. Interim Reports are due every six (6) months during the activity of the project and within two (2) months of completion of the project. If the project cannot be completed as expected within the two-year time frame, all DSG funds MUST be returned to the District 5580 Treasurer to replenish the DSG Grant Fund.

Club President (printed name) Joany Haag Signature   
 Rotary Club name Ely Rotary Club Date 03-28-13

**10. AUTHORIZATION OF ROTARY CLUB'S FUNDS**

Complete below authorization for club funds to be used for this project. Presidents of all clubs contributing must sign this authorization. (Duplicates of this sheet may be made).

Club President (printed name) Joany Haag Signature   
 Rotary Club name Ely Rotary Club Date 03-28-13  
 Amount authorized \$1,878.84

**11. COMPLETION CHECKLIST**

Before submitting your District Simplified Grant (DSG) application, please take a minute to review this checklist and make sure that it is complete. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the district grants subcommittee chair.

- Does the project meet all DSG criteria?
- Has the sponsoring club appointed two contacts to oversee the project?
- Are these individuals corrected listed on the application?
- Is there a written funding confirmation from the club president(s) who will be in office during the year of the funding request?
- Have the responsibilities of the project sponsor been outlined? Do they meet the requirements of a DSG project?
- Is there a written commitment (or signature on Section 9 of the application) from the project sponsor?
- Is there a detailed budget provided for the project?
- Is there a cost estimate from the supplier(s) for each item?

- Is a cooperating organization involved? If so, is there a letter from the organization, which specifically states how the organization will work together and how Rotarians will be involved and interact?
- Have you outlined in detail how you plan to publicize the project?
- Have you made copies of all documents for your files prior to submitting them to the district grants subcommittee?

***NOTE: The district grants subcommittee will plan to review your application as soon as possible.***

**Send the completed application and all attachments via email to:**

**Diane Collins, District 5580 Executive Secretary**

**Email: [bigfish@uslink.net](mailto:bigfish@uslink.net)**



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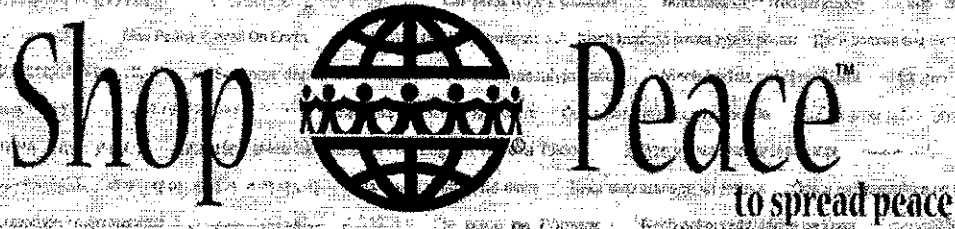
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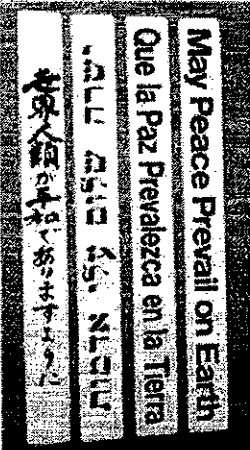
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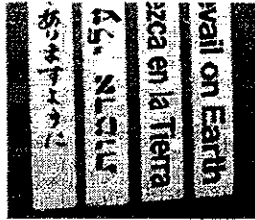
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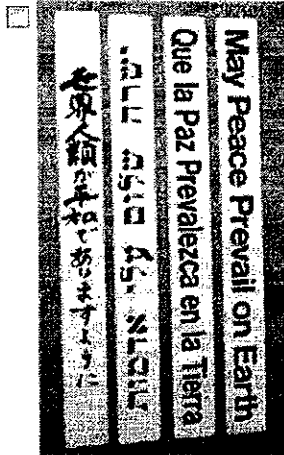




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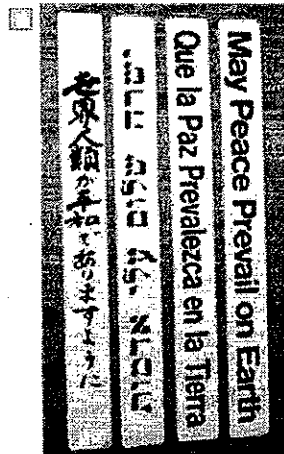
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PEACE POLE DEDICATED 2011

The following is a list of names of the people who have dedicated their names to the Peace Pole. The names are listed in the order in which they were added to the list. The names are listed in the order in which they were added to the list. The names are listed in the order in which they were added to the list.

## Ely City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**  
The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 5:38 pm on February 19, 2013 at the Ely City Hall.
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
Present: Council members Debeltz, Kess, Omerza, Polyner, Mayor Petersen (5)  
Absent: Council member Nikkola and Sheddy (2)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**Debeltz/Polyner moved to approve the minutes from February 5, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:**
  - a. Addition 6.B. – 2013 Safety & Loss Control Workshop
  - b. Addition 13.E. – HRA Board Appointment
  - c. Addition 13.F. – Knights of Columbus Bingo  
**Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve Additions a-c. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - d. Addition 5.C. – Information on Hwy 169 Project
  - e. Addition 9.E.ii – Sale of City Property Agreement  
**Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve Additions d-e. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. The Mayor congratulated the Ely Nordic Ski Team for their hard work and success at the State Meet at Giants Ridge on Thursday, February 14, 2013.  
**Debeltz/Omerza approved to invite the ski team to the next council meeting for recognition of their success. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - b. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to hold Special Council meeting for the Public Hearing on February 25, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Senior Center to hear public concerns and comments regarding issues with our City Buildings. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - c. **The Mayor will write a letter to the Commissioner of MnDOT to identify the committee members who authorized the changes to Hwy 169 that were not part of the original plan and why they chose to deviate from that plan.**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda
  - B. Approve Employees and/or Council members to attend the 2013 Safety & Loss Control Workshops throughout the month of April in select Minnesota cities.  
**Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve consent agenda items A & B. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **REQUESTS TO APPEAR:**
  - A. Joany Haag, President, Ely Rotary Club, spoke about their Peace Project for Ely. They are incorporating the Ely Schools and other service and community organizations in the area. The kids will fold 1000 paper cranes collectively. Local clubs and service organizations will be asked to donate \$100 to the project and will be named on a bronze plaque at the base of the Peace Pole. The first \$1,000 raised will go to Ryan's Wells. The next \$500 raised will purchase a peach pole and pay for installation and landscaping. Any remaining funds will go to the local food shelf.  
**Debeltz/Kess moved approval to support the Peace Project, allow the Peach Pole to be installed at Whiteside Park and for the City of Ely to donate \$100 to the Project. This will all be under the direction of the Park & Recreation Board and the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.**  
  
**Debeltz/Omerza moved to have the Clerk and the Park & Recreation Board work with the Rotary on this Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ely City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2013

- E. City Attorney
  - i. LELS Contract Update – this will be moved to the next agenda.
  - ii. **Debeltz/Omerza moved approval of the purchase agreement between the City of Ely and Mauro and Daphne Caruso for the Old County Garage building pending completion of the Plat on the property and the Ordinance approval. Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. City Engineer
- 10. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. The tentative schedule for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is April 25, 2013 from 5p-6p in City Hall. The certification training is Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Cotton Community Center.
- 11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:
  - A. City and EUC claims for December, 2012 and January , 2013 - \$433,893.61  
**Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve claims for payment A. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 12. OLD BUSINESS: None
- 13. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to accept David Buchite's letter of resignation effective April 5, 2013 from his position as Library Clerk and to send him a Thank You note for his years of service to the City. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - B. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the City to post for a Library Clerk position. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - C. **Debeltz/Polyner moved to approve Ely Butler to replace Barry Bissonett as the NLAA representative on the Donald Gardner Humanities Trust Board. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - D. **Kess/Debeltz moved to approve Todd DeNio to fill the open resident position on the P&Z Commission. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - E. **Debeltz/Polyner moved to approve for Vicki Wagner to remain on the HRA Board for another term. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - F. **Omerza/Kess moved to approve Resolution 2013-006 authorizing Knights of Columbus Council 3238 application to conduct a bingo at St Anthony's Church on March 17, 2013. WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, Council 3238, 1012 E Harvey St, Ely, Minnesota 55731 have requested approval of the application to conduct a bingo on March 17, 2013 at St Anthony's Church Hall located at 231 E Camp St, Ely, MN 55731. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution.  
Roll called: **Debeltz-yes, Kess-yes, Omerza-yes, Polyner-yes and Mayor Petersen-yes. Motion carried unanimously.****
- 14. OPEN FORUM:
  - Mike Jankovec with Ely TV stated they were having station difficulties but they were working on getting them fixed as soon as possible. Their website is elytv.org.
- 15. ADJOURN:
  - Omerza/Debeltz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk

## **1. Project Description - Detroit Lakes KIVA Club**

### **A. What is the purpose of this project?**

The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club, the Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary Club, and public school students in Detroit Lakes have joined forces in a creative business partnership, which we have titled: The Detroit Lakes KIVA Club. Thanks to a donation in 2012 of \$1,700 from these two Rotary Clubs, public school students in Detroit Lakes have begun the process of helping to alleviate poverty around the world by giving micro-finance loans to individuals and small groups through the KIVA program. Our goal is to accumulate approximately \$5,000 in funding to be used for the long-term development of this partnership. As a result, we are asking for \$2,000 from the District 5580 Simplified Grant Foundation.

### **B. How will it meet the needs of the community?**

KIVA ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)) is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of micro-finance institutions, KIVA lets these students lend as little as \$25 to help create opportunities around the world. Breakfast Rotary Club Past President Kathy Michaelson explained the partnership in this manner: "This year's Rotary theme is 'Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.' Rotary's vision is world understanding and peace being built with service, education and building bridges between ethnicities, countries, the rich and the poor...this project is getting our children to begin reaching out to others at an early age...you cannot get any better than this." Added Rotary President Brent Gerber: "This is the perfect demonstration of Rotary's mission to serve both locally and internationally. When you add the educational component, which allows Detroit Lakes' students to gain global understanding—this program is really a homerun in terms of fitting the values of Rotary."

Thus far Detroit Lakes students have given 56 different loans in 25 countries on five different continents. Samples of KIVA loans that students have made include helping a man named Salah rebuild a bombed out bookstore in Iraq; helping a group of women in Benin to create a business making and selling shoes; helping a peanut farmer in Bolivia buy seeds to sow his fields; and helping women in Kenya buy cloth to make clothing to sell. There are 52 other stories similar to these four. Kent Mollberg, a Detroit Lakes teacher and Rotary member is coordinating this partnership and stated, "In my 27 years as an educator I have seen a great many activities where students get to learn about this world, but this is one of the first where I have seen the students have the opportunity to not only learn about the world, but also participate in helping alleviate poverty. This project is a win-win for all involved."

Mindy Nielsen, a teacher in the Detroit Lakes district summed up her student participation. "My students have been busy researching their KIVA loan recipients. They are all fired up. They start

writing down their information, and the people disappear because their loan has been reached right before their eyes. They are so excited. The conversations are amazing. They are actually arguing about which type of loan is more valuable, which would help more people. This is a great experience for them.”

KIVA works with micro-finance institutions on five continents to provide loans to people without access to traditional banking systems. 100% of every dollar lent through KIVA goes directly towards funding loans; KIVA does not take a cut. Furthermore, KIVA does not charge interest to their Field Partners, who administer the loans. Ladd Lyngaas, a member of the banking industry, a Rotary member and a Detroit Lakes School Board member commented, “This is a great deal. I am interested in what the kids are learning from both an educational standpoint and from a banking standpoint. The best feeling in the world is making a difference for somebody that is trying to do something to better themselves. There is a tremendous amount of pride and satisfaction in this and you feel a little ownership in what that person is trying to accomplish.” Added President Gerber, “Perhaps my perspective is a bit different as someone who works in the financial services industry, but I’m just as excited about the business and banking skills that these kids will learn, as I am with the newfound knowledge that they will acquire about how people live across the globe.”

**C. How will the host and partner(s) communicate and work together to implement this project?**

The two Rotary Clubs have a unique partnership with the schools as there are Rotary members who are also school district employees. Kent Mollberg has the unique opportunity of being both an active Rotary member and a school district employee. Mollberg will be responsible for the administration of this project at both the club and school district level.

Another creative aspect to this program is the opportunity for club members to visit student classrooms during the loan selection process. Rotary members will be informed of dates and times that students will select loan recipients and will be encouraged to visit classrooms at these times to participate in this educational process. Also, educators and students will be invited annually to share their experiences at Rotary Club meetings.

Two of the most important aspects of this program is that there is no end date, and it is completely self-sustaining. There is no estimated project completion date because these are not grants that are being given, they are loans that are being repaid and then being re-distributed. According to the website Charity Navigator, KIVA has a higher charity rating than the American Red Cross, and the payback rate for these loans is greater than 99%. Simply put, students will make a loan. The recipient will pay back the loan. Students will then lend the same funds to another needy individual or group. Because these are loans, this program should be completely self-sustaining for the foreseeable future.

Finally, we want to include a year end celebration. We envision hosting an annual celebration at

which we invite students, educators, parents, media and Rotary members to attend. At this celebration students would lead a presentation in the school district auditorium that would highlight all the loan recipients for that year. This would be a very upbeat and educationally enlightening celebration of not only what students learned in this process, but more importantly, how they impacted others around the globe. At this time, as we are partnered with the school district, we do not envision this celebration adding any additional costs to this program. The Detroit Lakes KIVA Club project is a win-win for all involved, and we ask for, and appreciate, the support of District 5580.

## **2. Other Non-Rotary Organizations**

Detroit Lakes Public Schools has been the partnering organization in this project for the last year. Kent Mollberg has successfully acted as the intermediary between these two organizations. Mollberg has presented the happenings of the Laker KIVA Club to both School Superintendent Doug Froke, and the Detroit Lakes School board. Both the Superintendent and the school board are highly supportive of this partnership.

The Laker KIVA club aligns perfectly with the 8th grade state social study standards. In a nutshell, these standards say that at the 8th grade level students should learn as much as possible about other cultures of the world. Through KIVA, not only will students be learning a great deal about other cultures, but they will also be actively participating in making the world a better place. Also in the 8th grade, students are required to access and use data in the math standards. The KIVA program provides tremendous amounts of statistical data on each loan. We receive data on percentages paid back, and the number of recipients by gender, by country and by sector.

## **3. Rotary Clubs in District Making the Application**

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