

GRANT ALLOCATION PROJECT

Update: September 2, 2022

WHAT IS THE GRANT ALLOCATION PROJECT?

This initiative commenced in the spring 2022 at the request of the former board to establish an equitable grant allocation process that takes into account our club's traditional projects/organizations as well as inviting other community organizations to apply.

WHY ARE CHANGES NECESSARY?

To be fair to all concerned, including all members of our club whether brand new or 50 -year members, it is important to create an open and fair competition for the funding we generate. We also feel that the best community projects we can fund are those which engage the most Rotarians, include collaborations where possible, and those that meet the greatest unfunded needs in our community both locally and internationally, focussing on the 7 Areas of Rotary Service.

The 7 Focus Areas of Rotary International Service:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- Environment

We feel that a revised Grant Allocation process will also be helpful as we look to the future, growing our organization's membership and reach in the community. Our recruiting success depends heavily on the integrity of this process.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

1. A grant application form has been created and is being refined. All requests for funding will come through the application form housed on the Rotary Club of Guelph website.
2. Applications will be received twice a year: throughout September for the following spring funding, and again in March for the following fall funding, to allow organizations more flexibility

to address needs as they arise. Stay tuned for a communication in the upcoming weeks as we launch the call for applications during September 2022.

3. Applications will be scored. The Grant Review committee will comprise Gisella Gazzola as Chair, Nisha Chandran, plus the Avenue of Service Leaders. This committee will be responsible for evaluating the requests as they are coming in.
4. The scoring matrix we will use is based on the District 7910 rubric (explicit set of criteria) and has Rotary's basic values of service and community impact top of mind.
5. The requestor will be notified one way or another once the evaluation of the application has been completed.
6. Reports have been created in the past and this will continue to take place with the requestor reporting back to the committee the impact that the funding has had on the community.

NEXT STEPS

1. Finalize the prioritization for fall 2022 funding per the budget requests.
2. Produce the necessary artifacts to launch the new process in time for September 2022 e.g. refined application form, FAQs to help with the submission of the form, etc.

ANY QUESTIONS?

1. Contact Gisella Gazzola or Nisha Chandran (both are current board members), or contact any of the Avenue of Service Leaders who are currently being onboarded to the new process.
2. Come to the weekly meetings here at the ICC and ask us in person.
3. Attend the monthly board meetings where the first half of each meeting is intended for member input.

COMMENT

We realize that the rollout of this process has been bumpy and can understand if there is confusion or frustration with the delays that this project has resulted in. This is complex work and the Grant Review Committee really appreciates your patience. Please know and trust that we are mindful of the spring deadlines and are working hard to improve our overall experience.

Gisella Gazzola

Chair, Grant Review Committee 2022-23