

NEWS RELEASE

The Rotary Club of Bellingham Looking for Major Project Nominations

BELLINGHAM, WA 3/2/2020 — The Rotary Club of Bellingham is seeking nominations for their 2020 Major Project selection.

The Club annually contributes up to \$100,000 towards a project that has significant benefit to the Bellingham/Whatcom County community. Past Major Projects in which Rotary Club of Bellingham was a substantial contributor include the creation of Bellingham's Boulevard Park, the Arne Hanna Aquatics Center, the Whatcom County Soccer Fields, Bellingham Food Bank, the Hospice House, the Bellingham Technical College Marine Studies Laboratory, the Pickford Film Center, a major addition to the Lighthouse Mission, remodeling of the Boys & Girls Club Kitchen, Bellingham YWCA and YMCA capital projects, the Brigid Collins Family Services House renovation, and the Lake Whatcom Rowing Center. Current projects include supporting the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition in their Galbraith Mountain parking lot expansion and the Opportunity Council's renovation of the Recovery House.

The criteria for a Major Project are as follows:

- The benefitting organization must be a non-profit and have a 501 (c) 3 or similar federal tax-exempt status.
- It must be a capital project – a one-time investment
- It must provide lasting benefit to the community at large

Project proposals can be discussed with a Major Project Committee Member or with a member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham. Prior project proposals may also be re-submitted so long as the above guidelines are met. Projects that have passed the initial vetting process and that are sponsored by Club Member will be presented to the Major Project Committee. All final proposals are due by 7/31/2020.

If you know of a non-profit in need of capital funding or of a community project that would be appropriate, please contact Sandee Lindhout, Club Secretary at rcob@comcast.net or via mail: 2200 Vining St. Bellingham, WA 98229

A list of past Major Project contributions are available here:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000264/en-us/files/homepage/major-project-donation-history/Major-Projects-Activites.pdf>



About Rotary

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