

November 30, 2023

Hello!

The Small Grants Committee for the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club is responsible for awarding grants to non-profit community programs in the range of \$1,000 – \$2,500. This year our club has budgeted a total of \$15,000 for all grants.

If your organization would like to apply for one of these grants, please complete our Funding Request Form.

The application deadline is January 12, 2024 at the end of the day. We intend to give applicants a response to their request by mid-February 2024. Our club reviews grant requests only once each year and these grants are highly competitive. For our 2023 grant cycle we received applications totaling nearly \$50,000 for the \$15,000 we were able to award.

Priority will be given to requests based on the following criteria.

1. Local community focus
2. Organization's proven record of success
3. An identifiable program or project
4. Impact of this grant award, compared to other funding sources
5. Provides a program directly serving at-risk populations including children, the elderly, those with disabilities, individuals affected by violence/sex trafficking or homelessness.
6. Provides a public relations opportunity for Rotary

These funds are intended to be used for a specific project (generally the purchase of something), not ongoing operating costs or salaries. Our grants committee is particularly receptive to projects that will continue to serve for multiple years.

If you would like more information about Bellingham Bay Rotary or our history of giving to community organizations, please visit our web site:

<http://www.bellinghambayrotary.com/>. If you have any questions, we hope you will call Mark at (360) 671-6851. We wish you all the best in the coming year. Submit your completed application in PDF form (or Word document) to mark@turnerphotographics.com

Sincerely,



Mark Turner, Chair
Small Grants Committee
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club