

Rotary 1918 Community Service Grants

GRANT CRITERIA 2026

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary 1918 Community Service grants. Requests for funding will be accepted from February 23 until March 27, 2026. The requests will be reviewed by a sub-committee and then forwarded to the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Board of Directors for approval. All Registered Charitable Organizations who have submitted a request for funding will be notified by April 30, 2026. Below you will find some guidelines to assist you in completing your request for funding.

2026 Focus for Grants: The 2026 Community Service Grants will be focussed on children and youth. This may include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

- Strengthening social safety nets for vulnerable children/youth and their families;
- Supporting existing projects that provide services to children and/or youth;
- Capacity building for mental health services that support children and/or youth.

Before completing the request for funding you should know:

1. Requests must be from a **registered charitable organization**.
2. Organizations will only be considered for one grant within a fiscal period (July 1 – June 30, 2026). We **will not** fund the same organization within a three-year period after a grant has been received. This means that charitable organizations that received funding in 2023, 2024 or 2025, from the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), are not eligible to apply for funding in 2026.
3. The maximum amount for a grant for an individual charitable organization will be **\$5000.00**. Requested amounts may be adjusted by the sub-committee upon review of the grant.
4. Funding will only be considered for a specific project or capital costs (i.e. equipment).
5. Funding will **NOT** be provided for the following:
 - Sponsorship/general donation requests
 - Religious or political activities
 - Fundraising projects
 - Debt relief
 - International projects
 - Annual operating costs (i.e. contract or permanent staff costs, rent, utilities, phones, etc.)
 - Individual scholarships/sponsorships
 - Marketing/promotional activities

6. Requests for new programs or services requiring seed money must demonstrate how they will be sustainable.
7. The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918's) request for funding form is required.
8. All projects must have a **Rotary Champion** - an active member of the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) - who is not a member of the Community Service Grants Committee. The Rotary Champion should be familiar with your Charity and the project/grant being requested.

Community Service Grants Committee

- Tayo Adebajji
- John Curtin
- Janice Forsyth – Chair
- Neil McTavish
- Loretta Stoyka

If your organization is successful in receiving a Rotary (1918) Community Service Grant, the following is required:

- Recognize the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) for its contribution;
- Participate in a media event announcing the funding;
- Submit an update by email or letter, with pictures if appropriate, that confirms the funding was used for its requested purpose within three months of completion.