



POLICY OF SOUTH COWICHAN ROTARY CLUB
REGARDING REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR NON-ROTARIANS

- Most of the funds of the South Cowichan Rotary Club are already dedicated to the Club's community and international service projects. From time to time, funds become available to be disbursed at the discretion of the membership for worthwhile service projects.

- As a general rule, donations will not be made by the Club to individuals. Preference will be given to recognized charitable or service organizations.

- If applications come from individuals or organizations that are not recognized charitable or service organizations, rather than providing those individuals or organizations with funds, the Club may consider writing a cheque to a third party which is a supplier of goods or services to the applicant.

- Preference will be given to those who assist themselves.

- As a general policy, the Club will fund capital projects and not operating expenses

- In most situations, the South Cowichan Rotary Club will not be the sole source of funding for a project that is not undertaken by the Club.

- Programs to assist youth will usually require some contribution from the beneficiary in the form of community service work in exchange for a donation.
- Requests for assistance must be accompanied by a written application in the form attached.
- The request for assistance will initially be considered by the Executive of the Club. If the Executive considers that the request is worthy of further consideration, then a representative of the organization may be asked to present a brief oral proposal to the general membership and answer questions the membership may have. Following that presentation, the Club will then consider the application.
- Preference will be given to projects that benefit our immediate community (the South Cowichan area) or that foster international goodwill and understanding.
- At least two months should be allowed between the request for assistance and the delivery of the assistance.
- The most important underlying consideration for all requests for funds must be the fellowship and harmony of the Club. If a request results in serious dissension or disagreement within the Club, the request should not be considered. There will be valid differences of opinion. These differences of opinion must never become personal or affect the good fellowship that underlies everything that the Rotary Club does. We must be guided by the four way test in considering every request.
- The Four Way Test of Rotary is as follows:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?