



Email to: All Potential Non-profit Grantees of the Camden Rotary Club
From: Bruce Cole, Grants Committee Chair
Date: October 15, 2025
RE: Policies, Procedures and Schedules for Grants

The Camden Rotary Club (CRC) utilizes grant-making policies and procedures in line with best practices for donor funding. These policies and procedures will apply to all new grants awarded for 2026 and until further notice. Please access our applications for large and small grants through our website at www.camdenrotary.org

I would like to call your attention to several key provisions of our policy:

- We will focus our grants on high-impact programs and projects in the following focus areas: food security, housing, health and safety, youth development and economic security.
- Awards may be up to \$10,000 and application will be considered for multi-year funding.
- Up to 15% of our grant budget will be set aside for smaller grants (up to \$1,500) that: fit within our focus areas, have a high probability of success and may be subsequently replicated or expanded.
- Any organization that works in Knox County and/or Lincolnville in one or more of the Club's focus areas may apply in any year, notwithstanding receipt of a CRC grant in a previous year.

Successful proposals will address high priority community needs in one or more of the Club's focus areas, align with best practice, and include measurable outcomes and key milestones. They must also address administrative and fiscal competence.

Grant applications will be available on our website www.camdenrotary.org by November 15 of each year. They will also be publicly announced in local media. **Applications must be received by February 15th.**



Successful applicants will be invited to a Club meeting during 2026. Funds will be awarded no later than the first Tuesday in June. The Grants Committee will evaluate projects each year, based on negotiated evaluation measures included in each grant's contract. Grantees must also provide a written report to the Club within six months of the conclusion of the grant.

The Camden Rotary Club looks forward to working with you to improve the lives of our neighbors and to strengthen our community.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Cole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more prominent than the last name "Cole".

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