



2025-26 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

The Rotary Club of Des Moines engages leaders who see our community and the world as a place where our service creates *transformative impact and lasting change*. To this end, the Club will be awarding up to \$50,000 grant funds annually to a charitable project that contributes to transformative impact around relevant and current challenges impacting the greater Des Moines metro community.

FOCUS AREAS

The Club is seeking proposals from charitable projects that seek to support *children, seniors, veterans or persons with disabilities*; applicants will be asked to address one or more of these areas. Please note, camperships and scholarships are currently funded through the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation and therefore are not eligible for this grant program.

GRANT AMOUNT

The Club has earmarked \$50,000 for our Community Grants program each calendar year. It is our practice to award one \$50,000 gift as a one-time finding source. Any additional, ongoing funding/maintenance needs should have other funding. In addition, the Club wants to make a significant contribution to the project and is seeking opportunities to make a lead gift or fund the entire project as opposed to a smaller, pooled contribution.

GRANTEE ELIGIBILITY

The Club is accepting proposals that meet the following criteria:

Submissions by a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, nonprofit organization or unit of government/school for a charitable purpose.

The project must support one or more of the following populations: children, seniors, veterans or persons with disabilities.

The project must take place in and benefit the greater Des Moines metro community.

The project and expenditure of funds must occur in 2026.

Program and capital requests may be submitted for consideration; however, because this is a one-time grant, preference is given to funding of capital assets.



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APPLICATION TIMELINE & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The signed and completed proposal must be received by the RCDM office on Friday, September 26th by 5 p.m. The Community Grant Award Ceremony will take place at the RCDM luncheon on Thursday, December 4th at noon at the Des Moines Embassy Club. Completed applications should be emailed to rotary@rotaryclubofdesmoines.org.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE FINALISTS WILL BE ASKED TO DO A FACE TO FACE INTERVIEW SOMETIME IN OCTOBER.

Please note that this application is a fillable PDF document. You will be able to fill, sign, save a copy, then email to rotary@rotaryclubofdesmoines.org

Applicant Information

Organization: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

EIN Number: _____

Used to verify 501(c) (3) eligibility status

Check if unit of government/school

Website: _____

Organization Information

Please provide the following information about your organization:

- Describe the mission and vision of the requesting organization; please include information on key programs.
- Provide a copy of annual budget.
- List current board of directors and executive staff.
- List year organization was founded.



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Project Information

Requested Amount:

Maximum grant amount is \$50k

Qualifying Project Categories:

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance/Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Children/Senior Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines Area-Based

Provide estimated length of time to complete the project: (date-date)

Project Description

1. Provide an executive summary/description of the project. If it is a collaborative effort, include references to partners and their roles in implementation.

2. Describe the community need/problem that the project addresses.

3. Describe any opportunities for the Club to be involved in the project now or in the future. Include information on how RCDM may be recognized for grant support (naming opportunities, social media, etc.)

4. Attach OR SUMMARIZE the budget of the project that includes the following:

- a. Any other funding sources for the project (Club funds can be up to the total project budget)
- b. Overall project expenditures
- c. Include *specific* details on how Club funds will be used.
- d. If the request is to complete a larger project, please provide specific details on the portion of the project Club funds will be used for (Example: If you are raising money for a park and you request that Club funds pay for the playground equipment.)



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Disclaimer and Signature

The authorized representative signing the grant application submitted by an organization (the "Applicant") to the Rotary Club of Des Moines ("RCDM") Grants Committee verifies that all information provided in connection with the application is truthful, accurate and complete. The RCDM Grants Committee reserves the right to request verification of all information provided to it.

The form of the application and any guidelines, criteria or other information provided to the Applicant by or on behalf of the RCDM Grants Committee is intended solely to assist the RCDM Grants Committee in evaluating grant requests submitted to it and does not constitute a promise, contract or expectation that any grant award will be made to an Applicant. The recipient, amount and any conditions imposed in connection with the awarding of a grant to any Applicant is in the sole discretion of the RCDM Grants Committee.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature: _____ Printed Name/Title: _____ Date: _____

When completed, save a copy of the application for your records and email to: rotary@rotaryclubofdesmoines.org

Questions may be directed to:

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