

**Rotary Club of Des Moines
International Service Committee Project Application**

OVERVIEW

The Rotary Club of Des Moines (RCDM) 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 International Service Committee will be awarding up to \$5,000 grant funds annually to project/s that contribute to transformative impact and benefiting global communities.

FOCUS AREAS

RCDM is seeking proposals from charitable projects aligned to one of Rotary's focus areas of providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; and supporting education in a country outside of the United States.

GRANT AMOUNT

It is anticipated that RCDM will be awarding 1-2 grants annually ranging up to \$5,000; the total amount of grant funds awarded will not exceed \$5,000 per calendar year. The awarded organization(s) will be expected to utilize the funds during the following fiscal year.

This grant program should be considered as a one-time funding source; any additional, ongoing funding/maintenance needs should have other funding. In addition, RCDM wants to make a significant contribution to the project and is seeking opportunities to make a significant or entire investment in a project as opposed to a smaller, pooled contribution. RCDM requests at least two updates from the grant recipient(s).

GRANTEE ELIGIBILITY

RCDM 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 aligns to one of Rotary's focus areas listed above.
- The mission or project creates sustainable impact and benefits in communities outside the United States.
- The organization or sponsor club is located in Central Iowa (50-mile radius of Des Moines).
- The project and expenditure of funds must occur between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The signed and completed proposal must be received (in-hand, not postmarked) by the RCDM office on February 1, 2024 by 5 p.m. It can be sent electronically to info@rotaryclubofdesmoines.org or by mail to Rotary Club of Des Moines, 4214 Fleur Dr., Ste. 5, Des Moines, IA 50321. Any questions should be sent to Chris Andersen, committee chair, at chris.andersen@ellipsisiowa.org.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Rotary global grant funded projects may be asked to submit additional information during the application process:

1. Describe the mission and vision of the requesting organization; please include information on key programs.
2. Provide an executive summary/description of the project. If it is a collaborative effort, include references to partners and their roles in implementation. If other sources of funds are being sought for this project, please include a brief overview of potential sources.
3. Describe the community need/problem that the project addresses.
4. Describe how the intended beneficiaries will be impacted through funding from RCDM and an estimation of the number of beneficiaries who will be impacted by the project.
5. How have the voices/input of those served been included in the process of developing and/or implementing this project?
6. Describe any opportunities for RCDM 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.)
7. Attach OR SUMMARIZE the budget of the project:

Answers to these questions will be used to evaluate projects using a set of criteria including 1) project alignment to a Rotary focus areas; 2) demonstrated impact to beneficiaries; 3) level of involvement of beneficiaries in the formation of the project; and 4) involvement opportunities for RCDM. Recipients will be asked to provide at least two updates on their progress in executing the project and delivering impact to beneficiaries.