



**Subject: LOCAL GRANT SPONSORSHIP**

Dear Rotarians,

This is the time of year that we allocate our EMRC Foundation **Local Grants**. Our financial giving falls into 5 categories. Here is a summary along with our approved \$35,400 total spending budget for the 2020/2021 Rotary year:

- **Local Grants - \$13,500** (given to local non-profit organizations sponsored by members)
- **Club Projects - \$8,900** (Rotary specific service opportunities we as a club support i.e.: Camp Enterprise sponsorships and scholarships, Thanksgiving baskets, Jr. Police, Warm Hands - Warm Heads - Warm Hearts, YMCA Rotary Community Room, Exchange Students, Strive, Rotary Ethics day sponsorships)
- **International Projects - \$10,000** (Rotary Intl projects with district sponsorship in addition to EMRC sponsored international projects)
- **Polio Plus - \$2,500** (Dedicated funds raised each year through our spring flower sale)
- **Reserve Funds - \$500** (The club also holds back some funds to respond to disasters, new opportunities, and partnerships with other clubs when invited through the year)

As our Past President and EMRC Foundation liason, **I am writing to give you an opportunity to sponsor a local service organization.** Our participation must be more than just writing a check, but also include service opportunities for fellow club members. The organization must be a 501c3 non-profit. Below is the list of the 12 service organizations we have sponsored this past year:

Organization	2019-2020 Grant
VEAP	\$2,000
Edina ABC	\$2,000
Oasis for Youth	\$1,000
Help at Your Door	\$1,000
Matter	\$1,000
Edina Give & Go	\$500
Edina Community Foundation	\$500
Edina Ed Fund	\$500
Youth Frontiers	\$500
Senior Community Services	\$500
Bridging	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**If you have a local service organization to propose, please do so by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reply to this email with the organization name, contact name, and e-mail address, along with a brief description why our Rotary Club should sponsor this organization.**

Last year the amount each service organization received ranged from \$500 to \$2,000. The Club Board of Directors has been vocal about desiring to provide more significant funds to fewer local organizations and making sure some sort of “service” is connected with each grant recipient. Therefore we will likely continue to limit our grants to no more than 12 organizations. **As a club member, you will have the opportunity cast your vote for which service organizations will receive grants.**

### **Schedule**

- January 12 – Announce Local Grant Process and opportunity to nominate Grant Organizations. Grant Applications will be available starting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb 2 – Deadline for club members to propose Local Grant Organizations  
Final Grant Applications emailed to proposed Organizations
- Feb 23 – Deadline for Grant Applications to be submitted by Organizations  
Deadline for one paragraph summary statement for Grant Allocation Sheet
- March 2 - Information posted to the club Board to review
- March 9 – Information posted online for club members to review
- March 16 – Club Voting for Local Grant Organizations
- March 23 – Checks presented to Grant Recipients

Thank you for both participating in our club fund raising efforts as well as in sponsoring organizations who share our Rotary motto of *Service Above Self*.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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