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**Subject: Local Grant Sponsorship 2022 – 2023 Club Year**

Dear Rotarians:

Between now and April the members of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club will allocate our club’s Local Grants and distribute the funds. Our financial giving falls into 5 categories. Here is a summary along with our approved $44,000 total spending budget for the 2022 – 2023 Rotary year:

* **Local Grants** - $15,500 (given to local non-profit organizations sponsored by members)
* **Club Projects** - $14,000 (Rotary specific service opportunities we as a club support i.e.: Camp Enterprise, Thanksgiving baskets, Exchange Students, etc.)
* **International Projects** - $12,000 (Rotary Intl projects with district sponsorship iin addition to EMRC sponsored international projects)
* **Polio Plus** - $2,500 (Dedicated funds raised each year through our flower and plant sales)

As our Past President and EMRC Foundation liaison, 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 501c# non-profit. Below is the list of the service organizations we sponsored this past year:



If you have a local service organization to propose, please do so by Jan. 31st. Reply to this e-mail 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 who was selected ranged from $1,000 to $2,000. The Club Board of Directors has been in the past looked to providing more funds to a smaller group of organizations. They are also interested in the “service” aspect of our members toward those organizations we support. Since we have a similar amount of money this year, we will probably fund 12 organizations. As a club member, you will have the opportunity to cast your vote for which service organizations will receive grants.

Schedule Grant Process.

January 10 - Announce Local Grant Process and opportunity to nominate Grant Organizations. Grant Applications will be available starting on January 10th.

January 21 - Deadline for club members to propose Local Grant Organizations. Final Grant Applications e-mailed to Proposed Organizations

February 14 - Deadline for Grant Applications to be submitted by Organizations. Deadline for one paragraph summary statement for Grant Allocation Sheet.

February 22 - Information posted to the club board to review

March 7th - Organizations members will be considering for grants attend the meeting. Members vote on the organizations between March 7th and March 14th.

March 14th - Voting for Local Grants ends

March 21st - Results of the voting is submitted to the Board for their review.

April 4th - Checks sent to the organizations who are selected.

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*.

Sincerely,

Steve May

Edina Morningside Rotary Club Foundation Liaison