



Norfolk Rotary Charities 2024 Grant Guidelines & Application

The Rotary Club of Norfolk is the oldest and largest community service club in Coastal Virginia. Rotary International is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Thanks to generous donors to Norfolk Rotary Charities, its nonprofit affiliate, and its endowment, The Rotary Club of Norfolk annually awards grants to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations doing great work in our community. Over the last three years, Norfolk Rotary Charities has awarded over \$125,000 in grants.

In 2024, grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations in three categories, with a preference for organizations working primarily to serve residents in the city of Norfolk:

A: Improving literacy through education for youth ages pre-K to Grade 5. Only one grant of \$25,000 will be awarded. (*An annual operating budget of \$350,000 or above and 501c3 status for at least three years is required*)

B: Food insecurity. Multiple grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded.

C: Mental health. Multiple grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded.

Applications must be emailed by **February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Only complete applications (a total of 12 questions) will be considered.

All applicants must:

1. Be an established 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working in South Hampton Roads.
2. Apply for funding for either:
 - (a) specific supplies, equipment, or tangible items (Note: we will **not** fund salaries, scholarships, or general operating expenses, i.e., rent, utilities)
 - (b) expenses for an innovative program targeting unique client needs
3. Complete the application below and email it by the deadline. (Please **DO NOT** submit additional materials such as annual reports, newsletters, Form 990s, etc.)
4. Be willing to speak to the Rotary Club of Norfolk and share information about how the grant would help your organization accomplish its mission.
5. Have not received a grant in the last two years from The Norfolk Rotary Charities.

PLEASE NOTE THAT GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF 2024



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Check the category for which you are applying:

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1. Organization Name, Mailing Address, Telephone number, and Website address:

2. Name of Primary Contact for this application, and include position, phone number and email address:

3. What is your organization's primary mission?

4. How long has your organization been operating as a 501c3?

5. How does your organization help improve life in our region? How do you measure success?

6. Complete (a) OR (b)

(a) What specific supplies, equipment, or materials are you requesting funding to support?

(b) Describe an innovative program for which you require funding.

7. What is the amount of funding requested?



8. What is the budget for the project you are requesting funds to support? If Rotary grant funds do not cover it all, how will you make up the difference?

9. Briefly detail your organization to include the target audience, number of participants in Hampton Roads, size of staff, number of volunteers, annual budget, and revenues for the last fiscal year.

10. How would a Rotary grant help you improve your work in your target area?

11. Please list any volunteer opportunities for our club members that your organization may have.

12. How would your organization recognize the Norfolk Rotary Club of Norfolk for this grant award?