



## Norfolk Rotary Charities, Grant Guidelines, 2026

**The Rotary Club of Norfolk** is the oldest and largest community service club in Coastal Virginia. As part of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Norfolk is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, create a better world, support peace efforts, and end polio forever.

**Norfolk Rotary Charities** is a nonprofit affiliate of The Rotary Club of Norfolk. The purpose of Charities is to accept financial donations and award grants to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations working in our communities. Over the last three years, Norfolk Rotary Charities has awarded nearly \$240,000 in grants.

**Grant Priorities for 2026:** Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations in the following three categories, with preference given to organizations serving the residents of the **City of Norfolk**:

**A: Improving literacy.** Education-focused programs for youth ages pre-K to Grade 5. Multiple grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 will be awarded to organizations with an operating budget of \$250,000 or more and 501c3 status for **at least three years**.

**B: Food insecurity.** Organizations addressing food access and hunger. Multiple grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 will be awarded to organizations with an operating budget of \$250,000 or more and 501c3 status for **at least three years**.

**C: Mental health.** Organizations addressing mental health needs. One grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to organizations with an operating budget of \$250,000 or more and 501c3 status for **at least three years**.

Applications must be emailed by **Friday, February 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Only complete applications 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 accompanying application and email it by the deadline of **Friday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.** (Please **DO NOT** submit additional materials such as annual reports, newsletters, Form 990s, etc.)
4. Be willing to present briefly to the Rotary Club of Norfolk on how the grant will help advance the organization's mission.
5. Have not received a grant from The Norfolk Rotary Charities within the **last two years**.
6. Email this two-page application to [nrcharities@gmail.com](mailto:nrcharities@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF 2026**

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## GRANT APPLICATION

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?