**Grant Proposal Guidelines**

The Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills, one of the more than 34,000 worldwide Rotary clubs, has supported community nonprofit organizations through fundraising and subsequent grants for the past 12 years.

The Club is seeking proposals for projects and programs that help improve the quality of life for Lake in the Hills (LITH) and McHenry County residents most in need.

Grants Available:

\***MAJOR Support Award**-maximum of 4 awards @ $2,500 (maximum) each

\***IMPACT** **Award**- 2 awards @ $3,000 (maximum)

\***TEAM Support Award**- 1 award @ $5,000 (maximum)

 (Team Award is 2 NP’s working in conjunction on 1 project)

Guidelines:

* Eligible applicants are organizations or projects that benefit LITH and McHenry County residents.
* **Projects should demonstrate a need NOT supported by the organization’s ongoing operating budget.**
* Proposals for projects/programs should request only the amount needed for the specific project/program. The request should not exceed the maximum dollar amount of each specific grant.
* Organizations are encouraged to apply for support of new initiatives or to increase the impact of an existing program.
* Organizations may only submit one MAJOR Award application.
* Multiple TEAM Award applications will be accepted if the cooperating nonprofits are different in each application. Contact Wade Merritt with any questions at wam5432@msn.com
* Organizations may apply for all three awards, but projects must be different. No organization will be awarded both MAJOR and IMPACT awards in the same year but may receive Team Award and one other award if two different projects.

Important dates:

* **Proposals are due no later than May 20th, 2022 at 5pm.**
* Checks will be awarded at an expo event with date and time TBD.

Format of Proposals:

* Submit application form electronically to: Wade Merritt @ wam5432@msn.com
* Application forms will be available on the Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills website, [www.lithrotary.org](http://www.lithrotary.org/). Applications are due by May 20th, 2022 at 5pm.

Checks will be awarded at a Club Expo meeting along with the Algonquin/LITH Chamber of Commerce at a date TBD. Each organization receiving a grant agrees to have a representative at that meeting. Grant winners will have a table to display information about their organization and the winning project to the LITH Rotarians in an expo fashion. Each grant winning organization will be featured on the Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills website with a photo and a description of the winning project/program.