



Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills

Grant Proposal Guidelines

The Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills, has supported community nonprofit organizations through our signature event, Rockin' Rotary Ribfest, and subsequent grants for the past 14 years. The Lake in the Hills Rotary Club has awarded over \$190,000 in non-profit grants during that time. This year's applications now include different categories:

***TEAM Support Award**- 2 awards @ \$5,000 (maximum)
(Team Award is 2 NP's working in conjunction on 1 project)

***IMPACT:** Each category will have 2 awards for \$3,000 each (maximum)

1. **Animal Rescue Impact Award** – For agencies that are increasing protections for animals and are building and sustaining local capacities across the county to advance animal welfare.
2. **Seniors and/or Veterans Impact Award**– For agencies that have a mission to improve the quality of life for seniors and/or veterans within our area
3. **Kids and Teens Impact Award** – Agencies that that enhance the lives of the children and/or teens and empower them to become responsible, productive adults.
4. **Mental Health/Addiction Recovery Impact Award** – Agencies that deliver care, counseling, addiction services and/or residential mental healthcare.

***MAJOR Difference Maker Award**-maximum of 2 awards @ \$3,000 (maximum) each

This is for any agency that may not fall into any of the above categories or feel their program will make a major difference in the area.

Applications are available at www.lithrotary.org

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

Guidelines:

- Eligible applicants are organizations or projects that benefit LITH and McHenry/Kane 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.
- Multiple TEAM Award applications will be accepted if the cooperating nonprofits are different in each application. Contact Becky Welter with any questions at lithrotarygrants@gmail.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 April 26th, 2024 at 5:00 pm**
- Checks will be awarded at an expo event with date and time TBD.

Format of Proposals:

- Submit application form electronically to: Becky Welter at lithrotarygrants@gmail.com
- Application forms will be available on the Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills website, www.lithrotary.org.

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.

Any applying agency will have first opportunity and are encouraged to volunteer at the Rockin' Rotary Ribfest that will be July 11th - 14th. Those agencies with 6 or more volunteers will be acknowledge on stage and have a QR code on-site for direct donations.