

SRSF ANNOUNCES “OPPORTUNITY GRANTS”

The Seattle Rotary Service Foundation announced a new pilot program, the “Opportunity Grants”. SRSF is trying to be responsive to the preferences of our member donors and the needs of our community, recognizing that sometimes our usual structure of annual grants does not make funds available when special opportunities, emergencies, and unique needs arise.

The “Opportunity Grants” program makes up to \$50,000 available for grants that need immediate approval and disbursement of funds. It is only for grants that have an unusual and immediate need. The maximum grant will be \$10,000 and the minimum is \$1,000. All applications must be received by SRSF by December 1, 2017.

Applications for these grants must come through the regular Seattle Rotary Service Committees. The committee chair will first submit a “Letter of Inquiry” (before a full grant application) to see if this project would meet the Opportunity Grants criteria. With the preliminary approval, the committee chair will submit a full grant application. These application forms and criteria have been sent to the Service Committee chairs. SRSF will respond within 6 weeks of the application.

Since the District 5030 grants applications must be submitted by September 15th, a special accommodation will be made for Opportunity Grant applications that are applying for the District grants, either as the lead club or supporting another club’s project. If the full application is received by SRSF by September 6th, an SRSF review will be held and the decision will be communicated to the committee chair by September 14th.

This program is due to the generous donations of our Seattle Rotary members.

Questions can be answered by SRSF Grant Chair, Burr Stewart, and by SRSF President Kathy Williams