



Guidelines for Greater Camarillo Area and Global Community Grants

2026 GRANT CYCLE AND APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Grant Application Due: March 31, 2026

WELCOME GRANT SEEKERS

The Camarillo Rotary Club Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce the release of its 2026-2027 Grant Guidelines for applicants interested in requesting support for programs/projects that align with the Camarillo Rotary Foundation's specific areas of interest. Please review these guidelines carefully before submitting a grant.

We welcome questions from applicants prior to submitting an application. Please feel free to contact Jay Berger, President of The Camarillo Rotary Foundation at, president@camarillorotary.org.

AREAS OF INTEREST FOR FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027

The Camarillo Rotary Foundation, Inc. awards grants to organizations whose applications are focused on the areas of interest below. Interested applicants must identify one or more areas of interest and specific goal(s) for their request:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Support of the environment

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organizations that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- The applicant organization must be a nonprofit 501(c) (3), tax-exempt organization or a school-based program in the Camarillo area (zip codes 93010, 93011, 93012 or 93066), or have a 501(c) (3), tax-exempt organization as a fiscal sponsor.
- The applicant organization must provide or plan to provide programs/services benefitting the residents of Camarillo, including Somis, OR benefit the Global Community in one of The Camarillo Rotary Foundation's priority areas of focus as described above. The applicant organization does not need to be located in Camarillo, but the applicant organization must demonstrate that it provides or plans to provide services that directly benefit residents of Camarillo and/or Somis.
- The applicant organization must have a nondiscrimination policy in place.
- The applicant organization must have the demonstrated capacity to carry out the program work funded by the grant and to maintain fiscal accountability.

EXCLUSIONS/TYPES OF REQUESTS THAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

In general, Camarillo Rotary does not give grants to:

- For-profit organizations
- Projects that do not substantially benefit residents of Camarillo and the Global Community
- Projects and proposals unrelated to Rotary's defined Areas of Interest for Funding
- Individuals
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Endowments, annual fund appeals, fundraising events or celebrations
- Commercial ventures
- Political campaigns

FUNDS AVAILABLE AND DURATION

The Camarillo Rotary Foundation Inc., grants will be awarded in May of 2026 to fund projects that will take place in FY 2026-2027. Grants typically range from \$250 to \$2,000. Grants that exceed \$2,500 have additional requirements, as described below. Due to limited resources, applicants can apply for only one grant per fiscal year.

The number of grants and the amounts awarded are tied directly to the Rotary Club of Camarillo's fundraising efforts on an annual basis and can vary from year to year. The Club's foundation will review grant proposals in the spring of each year through an objective process designed to identify proposals that most closely align with these grant guidelines.

Approved grants are distributed in May. If your organization is approved for funding, we require the following:

- Recognize The Camarillo Rotary Foundation, Inc. on your website, social media and/or advertising and newsletter if applicable
- Provide a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service at a Rotary event or project (your staff or volunteers). Applicable only to grants that are \$2,500 and above
- Provide a follow-up summary paragraph, photos and impact story about your project once completed, or speak at a Rotary Club of Camarillo meeting about your organization and the project that was funded. Summary or Club presentation due no later than June 30th, 2026

The Camarillo Rotary Foundation Inc. will not be able to fund all requests submitted in response to this request for proposals – only those projects that most strongly meet the identified program goals will receive support within the Foundation's budget limitations. The grant term will be one year; however, one-time and short-term projects will be considered.

TYPES OF SUPPORT

The Camarillo Rotary Foundation, Inc. prefers to provide program/project support and does not generally provide capacity-building, core operating or capital grants. On an exceptional basis, this type of support may be provided as part of a program/project grant.

HOW TO APPLY

If your organization is eligible for grant consideration, please download and complete the Grant Application Form. Send completed application to: The Camarillo Rotary Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 171, Camarillo, CA 93011, or email to president@camarillorotary.org

NOTE: Applications are due no later than March 30, 2026.