

2026 Annual Community Grant Application for Strategic Innovation Projects or Programs

* Indicates required question

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JGMRF
Rotary Club of Ventura
Foundation

Mission Statement: The Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation dba Rotary Club of Ventura Foundation (aka JGMRF) is the non-profit (501c3) arm of the Rotary Club of Ventura. Its purpose is to support the work of non-profit organizations that serve the City of Ventura. JGMRF, guided by the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”, seeks to increase the ability of non-profits in our designated area to serve the educational, recreational, artistic and health and human service needs of our fellow Venturans.

Application for grant funding of innovative or transformative projects/programs that benefits the City of Ventura community.

Qualifying criteria includes:

The organization must:

- * Be a non-profit but does not need to be a 501(c)(3)
- * Benefit the community and the citizens of the City of Ventura

Applications must be submitted no later than End of Business, Sunday, May 31st, 2026.

Applications submitted past this deadline will not be accepted.

New for 2026, JGMRF will award one (1) grant for a New, Strategic, Innovative and/or Transformational Project or Program Request. The grant amount will be up to \$10,000

This grant will be awarded to an organization for a project or program with bold ideas, ability to scale, and meaningful change that can fundamentally transform organization's impact and thereby the lives of citizens living in the City of Ventura.

This grant may also be used to innovative or expand existing projects designed to create significant, lasting, or systemic impact.

This grant will prioritize projects or programs with bold ideas that can address emerging needs or create meaningful change at scale.

This grant may also be a collaborative project/program or initiative with another organization. If you are applying for this grant category you need to complete all sections, including uploading documentation and quantitative/budget spreadsheet(s).

Section 2 - Project or Program Name:

2. Sponsoring Rotarian Name: *

3. Primary Contact Name for the requesting organization *

4. If awarded a grant, please provide the organization's legal name (Check Payable to): *

5. Full Address, including City, State, and Zip Code *

6. Is the Payee Organization at 501(c)(3)? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

7. Payee TaxID Number *

9 Digit Tax Payer ID

8. Does this organization have a Board of Directors? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. If your answer to the previous question (Board of Directors) is yes, what percentage of the Board Membership donates to this organization on, at least, annually?

10. Project Budget Total: *

11. Project Funding Request from JGMRF *

12. Other Funding Source(s) *

13. What percentage of the total project cost is being requested from JGMRF? *

14. Project Summary: Please summarize in 500 words or less, the project or program; including goals, beneficiaries, community need addressed, and approach. *

15. How many individuals in the Ventura community are expected to benefit directly from this project? *

Mark only one oval.

- Less than 20
- Between 20 and 100
- Between 100 and 200
- Between 200 and 500
- More than 500

Section 3 - Specific Information about this Innovative Project or Program

Given this project or program is a new, innovative, unique, strategic, or transformational, that will make a significant impact to the citizens of the City of Ventura, please complete this section including,, uploading additional information in the following questions.

16. **Project Focus Area(s). Select all that apply.**

Check all that apply.

- Education/Literacy
- Community Development and Infrastructure
- Health and Wellness
- Environmental Sustainability
- Support for Youth or Seniors
- Other (Please specify in the Project Summary)

17. **Innovative Project or Program Description:** Please * upload a document that describes why this project or program is innovative, unique, strategic, or transformational (i.e. approach, impact, or other unique aspect of this project or program):

Files submitted:

18. **Project Start Date**

Example: January 7, 2019

19. Expected Project Completion Date (If ongoing, select end of next fiscal year)

Example: January 7, 2019

20. **Detailed Innovative Project / Program Budget:** Please upload a spreadsheet with a breakdown of Income and Expenses, showing how the requested JGMRF funds will be used. (e.g., equipment purchase, supplies, personnel, marketing). You may include additional documentation such as a spreadsheet.

Files submitted:

21. Indicate your ability to accurately track and report the impact of this project on the community. Note - The organization will be asked for a post-project report.

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Limit Excellent Ability

22. What are your organization's primary funding sources besides this grant request? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Individual Donations
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Government Grants
- Fees for Services/Programs
- Other Foundations/Grants
- Fundraising Events

23. Rank the following factors in terms of their importance for the successful execution of this project: *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Most Important (1)	2	3	4
Securing Full Requested Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of Volunteer Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timely Partner Collaboration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other - please describe in next question	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. If "Other" was selected in previous question, please describe this success factor: *

25. Which of the following impact metrics will you use to measure the success of this project? (Select all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- Quantitative data (e.g., number of participants, items distributed)
- Qualitative feedback (e.g., surveys, testimonials)
- Financial metrics (e.g., cost savings, funds raised)
- Media/Outreach exposure - MUST INCLUDE JGMRF Logo in any marketing / PR

26. Please provide the estimated time commitment *
(in hours) required from volunteer staff for this Dropdown
project/program.

Mark only one oval.

- Under 20 hours
- Between 20 and 400 hours
- Between 400 and 1,200 hours
- Between 1,200 and 4,000 hours
- Over 4,000 hours

27. On a scale from 1 - 5, please rate the impact to families *
and individuals as a result of this project.

1 = Provides sustainability

5 = Life Changing Impact(s)

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Sust: Life Changing Impact to families and individuals

28. Regarding the scale of impact rating from the above question, would you like to elaborate on the score provided?

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