

Nashua Rotary Club

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

ROTARY CLUB OF NASHUA COMMUNITY GRANT

BACKGROUND

The Rotary Club of Nashua is committed to "Service Above Self' and is dedicated to making the Nashua Community a better place. The Club holds a number of fundraisers throughout the year and 100% of all profits go back to the community in the form of scholarships and community grants. The Rotary Club of Nashua Community Grants Program is administered by the volunteer members of the Club to benefit the non-profit community in Nashua, New Hampshire.

AWARDS

In 2024, a total of \$25,000 will be awarded in community grants to non-profits serving the Greater Nashua Community

Please do not lobby members on your behalf. Decisions will be based solely on this application and community needs along with available grant funds.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Rotary Club of Nashua Community Grants Program must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Project/program must be focused on serving the needs of the Greater Nashua Community and its citizens.
- The Nashua requested grant must be in the range of \$5,000.00-\$25,000.00.
- All applications must be complete and include the required financials.
- Willing to participate in an interview;
- Request for operating funds will not be accepted;
- Multi-year request will not be considered;
- If a grant was received in 2023, requests for 2024 will not be considered;

PROCESS

Completion of the Rotary Club of Nashua Community Grant Application is required. A small number of finalists may be invited for a face-to-face interview with the Community Grants Committee. Award recipients will be notified in May and will be invited to attend a Rotary luncheon meeting on June 19, 2024 to accept the grant award.

TO APPLY

Please complete the application questions which can found at <u>www.nashuarotary.org</u> and respond to all questions included in the application. In addition, please attach the following:

1. The budget specifically for the program/project this grant would support;

2.a strategic plan (if available);

3. non-discrimination policy;

4.board of directors list;

5.the organization's operating budget (showing both income and expenses);

6. most recent IRS 990 (page 1);

7.current year management prepared financial statements;

IMPORTANT: The deadline for applications for funds is May 15, 2024.

Email all materials to:

NASHUAROTARYGRANTS@GMAIL.COM

For questions please contact: Deborah Novotny 603-546-0459 Deborah.Novotny@ebtc.com

> INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED OR REVIEWED.

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The Community Grants will be used to support nonprofits as they develop the capacity and infrastructure needed to meet their mission. Rather than request an overview of your organization (which we could learn from your website), the following questions are meant to help us understand your organization's impact, direction, and capacity. There are no word limits, but we expect answers to be as brief as possible while not exceeding two to three paragraphs per question. **Please note that applications for operating funds will not be considered.**

- Please describe the program/project that you are requesting these funds to support. Include the amount of funds requested, how they will be used, how many people in the Greater Nashua area will benefit from it, and what other funds will be used to support this program or project.
- What has been your organization's recent impact on the community or constituents in the Greater Nashua area? Examples can include a discussion of the impacts of specific programs, your organization's broader impact on those it serves, or any other descriptions of the impacts of your work.
- What does your organization hope to accomplish over the next year, and how will you achieve it? This can include strategic goals for your organization (internal goals) and/or goals for projects or programs offered by your organization (external goals). Please be as specific as possible.
- Assess your organization's current capacity to carry out this work, including programmatic planning, financial management, leadership and governance, and staffing. Be sure to discuss areas needing improvement as well as areas of strength.
- What will be different as a result of your organization's work over the next year? What does your organization hope to learn about itself or the community it serves?

The following questions are your opportunity to provide any additional context or information about your organization and its work.

- **Financial Health:** How would you describe the current state of your organization's finances? How does your organization plan for financial changes or uncertainty?
- Additional Information: Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your organization regarding this application?

Please include the following with your application: a budget specifically for the program/project this grant would support; a strategic plan (if available); non-discrimination policy; board of directors list; the organization's operating budget (showing both income and expenses); most recent IRS 990; and current year financial statements.