Rotary Club of Doylestown

Request for Proposals
2026-27 DRC Community Grants
October 22th, 2026

The Rotary Club of Doylestown is a volunteer service organization whose members donate their time and resources to help others locally and throughout the world. Founded in 1924, Doylestown Rotary meets weekly to practice and promote “Service above Self”. Among its many community programs, the club sponsors high school scholarships, coordinates international exchange programs, provides community volunteers, and funds worthy local projects.

PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Doylestown Rotary seeks funding proposals from local organizations providing services to the citizens of Doylestown and Bucks County. The Doylestown Rotary Club will evaluate all requests and award grants up to $6,000. Each organization may submit only one request. Projects between two organizations can receive up to $12,000.

The grant funding for nonprofit organizations should meet a current need that focuses on:

1) **Promoting Peace**
2) **Community Health (including services for disability, mental health and addiction)**
3) **Maternal and Child Health**
4) **Supporting Education (including ESL, literacy, math)**
5. **Supporting the Environment**
6. **Families at Risk (including victims of abuse).**
7. **Capital Projects (Supporting 1–5)**

All grant requests should align with the Object of Rotary which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Grant requests :

a. Should not support ongoing operational requirements and
b. Should not supplement payroll for existing staff

c. Each organization may submit only one request.

PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A concise **one-page proposal** is requested and in no case should the proposal extend beyond two pages. Prepare proposals using **MS Word** or **Pdf** with the following information:

1. Description of Your Organization – A one-paragraph summary of the organization

2. Background Information – One or two paragraphs describing the need that will be addressed, the target group receiving benefits and the planned project location.

3. Program/Project Description – One or two paragraphs describing the project, its goals and objectives. Useful information includes timelines, benchmarks, and the desired outcome.

4. Budget Narrative – One paragraph with overall costs of the project; total funding needed and expected contributions. Specify non-cash resources (volunteers, materials, etc).

5. Executive Summary – A one-paragraph summary including:
    a. Need(s) being addressed by the project
    b. Purpose of funding
    c. Number who benefit
    d. Total project cost
    e. Portion of total cost being funded
    f. Goods/services purchased with grant dollars

Submit proposals by email to the Rotary Club of Doylestown at **DtownRCgrants@gmail.com** no later than January 31st, 2027.
Any queries should be addressed to Diana Lightfoot, the Community Grants Committee Chair, also at **DtownRCgrants@gmail.com**

Priority Considerations: Projects between two organizations; projects with matching funds reported on the application; and projects that demonstrate sustainability.

GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2027

The Doylestown Rotary Club Grant Committee will review all submissions and make awards to proposals that satisfy the aforementioned criteria.

Grant recipients will be announced no later than June 30, 2027.

Grant recipients will be asked to attend a presentation of the awards at the 2027 Doylestown At Dusk Car Show.

NOTIFICATION UPON COMPLETION OF FUNDED PROJECTS

All Grantees must submit a final grant report and financial statement on or before September 1, 2027 to be eligible for future grants.

DISTRICT 7430 FUNDING

Grantees accepting Doylestown Rotary District 7430 funding shall sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding.