



YOUTH COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT



The Rotary Club of Excelsior operates a Community Grant for Youth. Grants are made on a competitive basis and at the discretion of the board of the Excelsior Rotary Club.

Applications are due by **Tuesday February 28, 2017** (applications must be postmarked by the deadline).

GRANT TIMELINE

Club Fiscal Calendar:	7/1/15 - 6/30/17
Application deadline:	2/28/2017
Grant Award:	No later than 5/1/2017
Project Start:	No later than 6/30/2017
Project Completion:	No later than 12/31/17
Reports due:	Within 2 weeks of project completion

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Rotary Club of Excelsior is now accepting grant applications for youth community projects in 2017. Grants from \$1000-\$5000 will be considered.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grant awards are made primarily to organizations with a 501(c)(3) non-profit designation by the IRS and/or Schools. Multi-year grants may be available, at the discretion of the board, for no more than 3 consecutive years to any given organization.

PROJECT EVALUATION- FINAL REPORT

A final report is required of all grantees detailing the grant outcomes and benefits to the Greater Excelsior Community. Grantees send a Final Report within two weeks upon project completion, and an interim report will be due on 9/30 if the project hasn't completed by that time. The report must include an 1) accounting and itemization of the expended funds; 2) brief narrative about the project and whether its objectives were met; and 3) description of any long term benefit to the community.

Electronic access to the grant application can be found at www.excelsiorrotary.org.

POSITIVE AREAS OF INTEREST

The Rotary Club of Excelsior is pleased to provide funding to local organizations. Preference is generally given to grant requests that meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Required:** Impact to greater Excelsior and Lake Minnetonka Community youth
2. Education, enrichment, programs and/or personal development for children and youth, with specific impact to pre-school or primary school-aged children and their families
3. Projects that promote preservation and appreciation of the environment
4. Projects that impact underserved populations, and address low-income population needs such as food insecurity, family support, literacy, training, housing, etc.
5. Projects that bring people together to serve, connect, and inspire.
6. Projects that offer volunteer opportunities for Rotary members.

Note: Deadlines, procedures, and grant availability may be changed without notice by the board of directors of the Excelsior Rotary Club.

Grant awards are made for PROJECTS or CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, not general support. Examples of areas that are not likely to be funded:

- Sponsorships: including tickets, tables, galas, raffles, etc.
- Grants supporting ongoing operating costs of an organization, salaries, general supplies, etc.
- Projects that have been substantially completed and/or funded by a non-Rotary source, i.e. no retroactive funding of completed projects
- Projects that do not allow sufficient time to review and approve for a Rotary decision.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

1. *Eligibility*: Is the applicant an eligible organization?
2. *Impact*: How many people in the greater Excelsior and Lake Minnetonka community will receive direct benefit from the project or services provided by the applicant?
3. *Capacity building*: Will the project improve or expand capability or capacity to provide on-going direct services?
4. *Direct service*: Do the services consist of face-to-face opportunities for meaningful personal connections with the community over time
5. *Community engagement*: Does the organization bring people together to serve, connect and inspire?
6. *Rotary Member Engagement*: Does the project offer Rotarians volunteer opportunities?
7. *Club Recognition*: Is there an opportunity for Rotary Club recognition, signage, or publicity during or after the project is complete?
8. *Fiscal Need*: Will the amount requested make a difference?
9. *Cost Share*: Does the application include a cash cost share or match?
10. *Relevance*: Is the project relevant to the Areas of Interest for funding? (see pg 2)
11. *Feasibility*: Can the project be completed as proposed? Is there a plan for ongoing maintenance (required, if applicable).
12. Does the project describe measurable outcomes? What are the measures of success?
13. *Demonstrated management leadership*: Success of an organization and a particular project depends on the strength, competence and commitment of its leadership. Is the proposed leadership what is needed for a successful outcome?
14. *Final Project Report*: If a prior grant was awarded, was the Final Project Report submitted at the end of the grant period?