Rotary Community Grant Pilot Program 2023/2024

Purpose

The purpose of the Community Grant Pilot Program is to ensure that we are equitably meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

Objective

The objective of the Community Grant Pilot Program is to reach out to our communities, solicit grant requests, and as appropriate provide funding.

Pilot Program Description

A. Funding
Account 633, CE/SP Community Service Projects & Grants board approved budget of $17,500 will be used for funding. If the pilot program is successful, it could be expanded to include additional Community and Youth Services funds as well as RYLA and scholarship applications.

B. Structure
The pilot would have two parallel tracks – microgrants and block grants.
- Microgrants are grants less than $500. The recipient does NOT need to be a registered 5013C. For example, the purchase of tents for a homeless family.
- Block grants are up to $2,500. The recipient does need to be a registered 5013C (or has a fiscal agent) and a favorable GuideStar rating. Exceptions to the status is allowed upon Board approval.

C. Grant Cycle
There are four grant cycles. The dates below are decision dates. Since the program is beginning part way into the Rotary fiscal year, the cycle is abbreviated.
- October 1
- December 1
- March 1
- June 1

Applications are submitted using an online form - https://tinyurl.com/SPCEgrant.
The applications will be promoted via social media, direct outreach to local non-profits, and through partners such as the City of SP, the Town of CE, SPFC, the School Districts, and the Lions Club.

D. Decisioning
A Pilot Community Grant Committee will meet quarterly to review the grant applications and make recommendations. Any member is welcome to serve on the committee. The Committee is authorized to make funding decisions in consultation with the Club Treasurer. Board members will be notified of the committee recommendations and feedback solicited.