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## **SPCE Rotary Community Grant Application (2025-2026)**

Contact Person	Jon Hartford
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Requesting Organization Name	South Portland Little League
Organization Website (if applicable)	<a href="https://www.southportlandlittleleague.com/">https://www.southportlandlittleleague.com/</a>
Address	Street Address: PO Box 2205 City: South Portland State / Province: ME Postal / Zip Code: 04106
Is your organization a 501(c)(3). If not, do you have a fiscal sponsor?	Yes
Year Established	1951
Type of Request	Community Building
Program / Project Name	South Portland Little League Pine Street Restoration
Requested Amount	2500
Program / Project Description	<p>South Portland Little League, founded in 1951, will proudly celebrate its 75th season in 2026. In 2025, nearly 300 local boys and girls participated across all levels, ranging from tee-ball and baseball to softball and our Challengers Division, Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. South Portland is proud to host the only Challengers program in Maine's Little League District 6, welcoming players not only from our city but also from neighboring towns, including Cape Elizabeth.</p> <p>To honor this milestone 75th season, we hope to revitalize our Pine Street softball field, which serves as the home for</p>

both our softball and Challengers teams. Unfortunately, the field has fallen into disrepair over the past several years. In addition, our clubhouse recently experienced a break-in, leaving us with a need to replace damaged locks and doors to ensure player and volunteer safety.

We have obtained an estimate of \$4,500 for the field restoration project. A Rotary Community Grant of \$2,500 would provide essential support toward this effort in helping us restore a safe, welcoming, and playable space for our athletes and community.

We are deeply grateful for Rotary's ongoing commitment to improving the South Portland community and sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request as we celebrate 75 years of youth baseball and softball.

Is this a time-sensitive request?

No

For Grant Requests over \$500 - Describe how you will define program/project success and what type of reporting or metrics you can provide to back to Rotary.

Success for this project will be defined by the full restoration and revitalization of the Pine Street softball field in creating a safe, functional, and welcoming space for our softball and Challengers Division players. Specific indicators of success will include:

Completion of field improvements by the start of the 2026 Little League season.

Repaired and secured clubhouse facilities with new doors and locks installed prior to the 75th anniversary celebration.

Increased participation and accessibility, particularly for our Challengers Division, as measured by registration numbers and player feedback.

Positive feedback from players, families, and volunteers on the improved field conditions and safety.

To report back to Rotary, South Portland Little League will provide:

Before-and-after photographs of the Pine Street field and clubhouse repairs.

A short written summary of the completed improvements, total project cost, and community impact.

Participation data or the 2026 season.

Recognition of Rotary's support on our league website, social media channels, and during our 75th anniversary celebration event.

These updates will demonstrate the tangible community benefit of Rotary's contribution and the positive, lasting impact it has on youth sports and inclusion in South Portland.

Are there other ways that Rotarians can be of service to your organization/project/program (such a volunteering, mentoring, professional services)?

Yes ! South Portland Little League would greatly value the involvement of Rotarians beyond financial support. We always welcome community members who wish to volunteer their time and expertise. Rotarians could assist in several ways, including working in our concession stands, helping with field clean-up and maintenance days, or serving as coaches or assistant coaches. In addition, Rotarians with professional skills in areas such as facilities management, communications, or event planning could provide valuable guidance as we continue improving our fields and celebrating our 75th season. Your participation would not only strengthen our program but also highlight Rotary's ongoing commitment to service and youth development in South Portland.

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