



Blairstown Rotary Club Grants and Sponsorships - Guidelines

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Rotary Motto: Service above Self

Rotary Mission Statement: The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

PROCESS

Blairstown Rotary follows the Rotary Motto and Mission Statement to guide our charitable grants and donations. These concepts should be evident in the mission statement or operating principles of organizations requesting financial or volunteer support.

The overall focus of the Blairstown Rotary Club's charitable funding is to provide financial support to organizations that serve the public through humanitarian efforts and align with Rotary International's six areas of focus:

- Economic and community development
- Basic education and literacy
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Peace and conflict prevention / resolution

Preference is given to organizations that serve Blairstown and the northern Warren County community. If an organization is based outside of the area, it should provide significant service to our local area residents or enhance the quality of life in northern Warren County.

WHAT WE FUND AND DO NOT FUND

There are two categories of financial donations provided:

Charitable Grants. Charitable Grants are made to qualified non-profit, tax exempt organizations that meet the above guidelines. Grants are provided to support a specific project or initiative. We will not provide funding for general operating support or staffing. Grants must be applied for following the schedule provided below.

Community Sponsorships & Assistance. Community Sponsorships are made to organizations planning a local event, or to organizations providing assistance with unforeseen humanitarian causes or disasters. Sponsorship and Assistance requests can be made at any time during the year.

We do not fund (a) general operating support; (b) organizations that only benefit a few; (c) labor, political, lobbying, or fraternal groups—except when these groups provide a specifically identified service that fall within our guidelines.

Due to our limited financial resources, we may not be able to fund many of the worthy grants and sponsorship requests we receive.

CHARITABLE GRANTS

Qualifying Criteria

1. All eligible grantees must be a 501(c)(3) or other similar tax-exempt organization. Information on tax-exempt status is available from the www.irs.gov website.
2. Applicants will be required to make a presentation at our monthly business meeting or one of our weekly dinner meetings. The presentation should cover the activities of the organization and how the grant money requested will provide an impact to the organization. Successful applicants will be required to attend one of our meetings to receive their funding.
3. Applicants will agree to allow the posting of information and photos related to the grant on our website and social media outlets. The applicant will also agree to link to such postings from their sites if they maintain an active Internet presence.
4. Applicants should make a good faith effort to offer volunteer opportunities to Rotary members, or to Rotary Interact Club members at North Warren Regional High School.
5. Size of grants: One factor used in evaluating a grant proposal is the size of the grant request relative to the overall size of the organization’s budget. The grant should be meaningful to the organization but not so large as to dominate an organization’s income. Neither should the grant request be so small relative to the overall budget that it is deemed by us to be an insignificant financial contribution. Finally, the grant application should make clear how the amount requested (plus other funds as appropriate) will be sufficient to achieve the intended objective(s) of the proposal. Historically, grants from the Blairstown Rotary Club fall within the \$250 - \$2,000 range.
6. If the grant is for a specific program or project, we may require a project budget be submitted along with details of the project’s impact and sustainability.
7. Grant requests are evaluated annually. There are no automatic, multi-year or recurring grants.

Calendar for Grant Applications

Application available www.blairstownrotary.org	March 1
Application deadline	April 15
Grant review period	April-May
Notification of grant approval	June

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS & ASSISTANCE

Qualifying Criteria

1. Community organizations or groups seeking sponsorships must have a meaningful presence in Blirstown or northern Warren County, or be organizing an event that will directly and significantly benefit residents of the area.
2. Community organizations or groups submitting requests for assistance must be able to demonstrate that the funding will be used for humanitarian efforts or disaster assistance within Blirstown or northern Warren County.
3. Sponsorship applicants will be required to make a presentation at our monthly business meeting or weekly dinner meetings on the activities of the organizations and how the sponsorship or assistance funding requested from Blirstown Rotary Club will be used. Assistance applicants may be required to make a presentation depending on the immediacy and scope of the problem. Successful applicants will be required to attend one of our meetings to receive their funding.
4. Applicants will agree to allow the posting of information and photos related to the sponsorship or assistance on our website and social media outlets. The applicant will also agree to link to such postings if they maintain an active Internet presence.
5. If the sponsorship is for an event, the applicant will agree to list Blirstown Rotary as a supporter and will agree to allow Rotary sponsorship signs and information materials at the event location.
6. Applicants should make a good faith effort to offer volunteer opportunities to Rotary members, or to the Rotary's Interact Club members at the North Warren Regional High School.
7. Sponsorship amounts will be influenced by the size of the sponsorship request relative to the overall size of the organization or event. A sponsorship from the Blirstown Rotary Club historically falls within the \$250 - \$1,000 range.
8. Assistance amounts will be influenced by the scope of the problem and the number of people assisted.
9. Organizations may apply for sponsorships or assistance at any time, and the Club will respond as soon as possible.

APPLICATION FORMS

The application form for grants, sponsorships and assistance can be found at www.blirstownrotary.org