



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) DISTRICT 7950
DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION
2025-2026**

- Please answer ALL the questions. This is a word document. Download it, complete it in Word and save the doc with your club's name as the file name. Email it to: foundation_committee@outlook.com
Incomplete applications will be returned! Applicants may attach pages to this as needed.
- QUALIFICATIONS – Only clubs that have completed the qualification terms are eligible to apply for a District Grant, including Interact and Rotaract Grants. The qualifications are:
 - **District and Rotary International Dues are paid.**
 - **at least one club member has attended a grants qualification training.**
 - **a Memorandum of Understanding / District 7950 Addendum has been signed and submitted by the Club's President and President Elect.**
 - **the President Elect has entered the Foundation Goals in Club Central.**
- Applications must include a signed and dated **Letter of Support** from the organization (on the organization's letterhead) who will benefit from the club's project.
- A maximum of three (3) clubs may collaborate on one (1) project and the application must be signed by each of the Presidents of the clubs involved for the application to be considered completed. **ONLY** the lead club should complete this application and coordinate the project.
- Grant requests will be reviewed by the District Grants Review Subcommittee on a rolling basis between **June 1, 2025, and October 15, 2025**, or until all available funds have been allocated.
- Note that Projects that will be conducted in the geographical area of District 7950 will be given priority over request for project that will be conducted outside the district.
- Grant projects may not start until the club receives a written approval letter stating that their grant request has been approved. All receipts **must** be dated after the approval letter date and no later than **May 31, 2026**.
- Completed grant applications can be sent to the District Grant Subcommittee Chair, by email to foundation_committee@outlook.com

This Grant application is being submitted by The Rotary Club of Fall River X

Provide contact information for the Rotarian completing this application.

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1. What is the name and contact information for the beneficiary?

Tracy Curley, Superintendent; Fall River Public Schools, 417 Rock Street, Fall River, MA

Jeffrey Schoonover, Superintendent; Somerset Public Schools, 580 Whetstone Hill Road, Somerset, MA

Thomas Aubin, Superintendent; Westport Community Schools, 17 Main Road, Westport, MA

Gloria Jackson, Citizens for Citizens, Inc., Head Start & Early Childhood, 427 Robeson Street, Fall River, MA
 Stephanie Mancini, Director YMCA Southcoast, 199 N. Main Street, Fall River, MA

2. What is the purpose of this project? Provide a brief description.

Fall River Rotary *Happy Feet* project provides at-risk elementary and pre-school children with new shoes and socks. Outreach to the elementary schools is done by Rotarians from the Fall River Club. Needy students are identified by school teachers and administration. Parents are notified and asked if they would like to participate. Once approved, Rotarians purchase the appropriate number of shoes and socks and the Rotarians deliver them to the school. Great care is given to involve the parents in the process. This will be the eleventh year that the Rotary Club of Fall River has provided shoes and socks to needy area children through this project. This project has been highly successful and continues to expand every year. This past year (2024/2025) one-hundred, eighty (180) at-risk children directly benefited from this project by receiving new sneakers and socks in the correct size and appropriate

3. What is the total amount of District Funds your club/multi-clubs are seeking for this project? (This is only the amount that your club or all participating clubs are requesting from the district. Not the total project budget).

AMOUNT OF FUNDS YOU ARE REQUESTING:

Rotary Clubs: Minimum Grant award is \$250, and the Maximum is \$1,500 per club.

Interact and Rotaract Clubs: Minimum Grant award is \$250, and the Maximum is \$500 per club. If this is a Rotaract or Interact project, please obtain a signature of the club president or advisor if the president is under 18 years of age.

4. Detail the total costs of the project:

- a. What is the total cost of the project? \$3000
- b. Club funds to be used. \$1500
- c. District funds to be used. \$1500
- d. If the project cost is greater than the District grant award request, how will you obtain the additional funds?

Additional funds, as needed, will be provided through club funds, donations, and member contributions.

If there is any possible conflict of interest regarding the project the club must notify the District Grants Subcommittee Chair as part of the grant application.

5. How will the money be spent? Please provide a budget of how you plan to spend the money.

PROJECT INCOME WORKSHEET:

Sources of Income	Amount
Amount of District Grant Funds Requested: (Funds must be matched by the club dollar-to-dollar)	\$1500
Club Funds	\$1500
Other Funding Sources, i.e., Club Foundation: Rotarians; Non-Rotarians	
Total Budgeted Income	\$3000

PROJECT EXPENSES:

Expense Items (please be specific)	Cost
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NOTE: Best practices are for vendors to be paid directly by the Rotary Club. The Name of the Rotary Club should be listed as who will be billed for the item (not the organization or beneficiary).	
Shoes are purchased from our local Walmart, Burlington, or Encore. Additional vendors may be accessed depending on price and availability. We are hoping we can continue to purchase the shoes at an average cost of approximately \$20.00 per pair.	\$3000
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$3000

Note: Your club is responsible for managing and maintaining all the financial records and receipts for the total amount of the project expenditure. Monetary donations to the beneficiary are not considered part of the expenses incurred for a project.

6. Needs Assessment and Project Impact:

a. How will this project meet the needs of the community?

The Fall River Public School System serves over 10,000 children each year. The need in the school district is high with a high minority population and one of the highest poverty rates in the state. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education records indicate that almost eighty percent (79.68%) of the students in the Fall River Public Schools are high needs and low income. While the high needs and low income numbers for the Westport Public Schools and the Somerset Public Schools Shoes are not as high as Fall River, over a third of the students in these school districts also fall into these categories. Shoes are often passed down from sibling to sibling and many of these children often have no socks to wear with their threadbare shoes. For many of these children new shoes are not the norm.

The beneficiaries of the project will continue to be needy children in the greater Fall River area. We hope to maintain this level of support for the coming year. The children will be helped both tangibly and emotionally in that they will have new pairs of shoes and socks that will fit them personally and be more comfortable than hand-me-downs, while serving to build their self-worth and confidence.

b. How many people will benefit?

With the current budget, we anticipate at least 150 needy children in the Greater Fall River area will be directly impacted by this project. If additional funds become available, we will expand the project and the number of children impacted will grow. Past experience has shown that the need has never declined and with the increased economic hardship imposed on families by inflation, it is anticipated that the requests for assistance will likewise increase

c. How many Club members will participate?

In addition to the Happy Feet Project co-chairs, 21 Rotary members actively participate on the Community Service Committee of which Happy Feet is a primary project. It is also anticipated that approximately 50% of the club members will participate more passively by purchasing and donating socks.

d. How will they help?

The two Happy Feet Project Chairs and two members of the Community Service Committee are the primary contact with the schools and community organizations and work with members of the Committee who help purchase the shoes. The Project Chairs keep the Board of Directors informed of project progress. Other club members provide support by personally buying socks or working with their businesses to support the program through sock drives

7. How will the public know that this is a Rotary sponsored project: i.e. how will it be promoted and publicized?

This project will be promoted and publicized in the ClubRunner website, the Fall River Rotary Facebook page, a press release to the local newspapers, and through public acknowledgement by the participating schools and community groups.

8. Funds donated to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are used to provide funds for District Grants.

a. How much did your club and club members donate to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the year 2022-2023? \$14,532

b. Has your Club included the Annual Giving Goal in Club Central for Rotary year 2025-2026?

YES

c. How much has your club pledged on Club Central to support the annual fund in 2025-2026?
\$7500

9. Provide the names and contact information of the three Rotarians appointed by the President to oversee this project.

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Jenifer Vincent email: jlvincent555@gmail.com

Grant Treasurer Filomena Kuchar email: ifkuchar@comcast.net

Grant Project Chairs Lisa Lebreux Email: Lalebreux1421@gmail.com
Marcia Picard Email: marcialpicard@gmail.com

Note: Before submitting this application, please review the bullet points of required information listed on page one.

10. As President, I hereby affirm that the club's board has voted to undertake this project as an activity of the club. I also affirm that all information in this District Grant Application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:

2025-26 President's Signature  X DATE June 28, 2025

Email address Smancini@ymcasc.org Telephone Number 508-958-2554

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"The Scholarship City"

417 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720

Tracy Curley, Ed.D., Superintendent

June 3, 2025

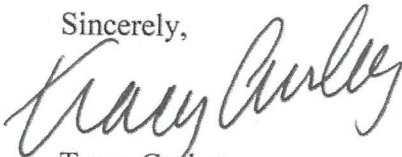
Fall River Rotary Club
PO Box 1802
Fall River, MA 02720

Dear Fall River Rotary Club,

The Fall River Public School District is pleased to continue its support for the Fall River Rotary Club's Happy Feet Project. In recent years, the club has provided appropriately sized sneakers and socks to hundreds of students from low-income neighborhoods throughout the city, including those attending several of our schools. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate once again with the Rotary Club's Happy Feet Project and look forward to the club's ongoing investment in the welfare and success of our children.

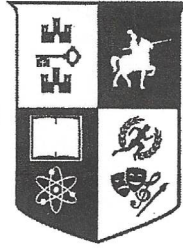
We express our gratitude for the sustained partnership, assistance, and generosity we have received

Sincerely,



Tracy Curley
Superintendent

SOMERSET BERKLEY
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESILIENT ACADEMIC INDEPENDENT DIGITAL-CITIZENS EMPATHETIC RESPECTFUL

June 4, 2025

Rotary Club of Fall River
PO Box 1802
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Rotary Club Members:

The Somerset Public School District is pleased to support the Rotary Club of Fall River Happy Feet project. Last year the club provided properly sized sneakers and socks to low-income children at North Elementary School, and we welcome the opportunity to partner with the Rotary Club again this year.

We appreciate their continued investment in our students' welfare and hope you will consider supporting the Rotary Club of Fall River Happy Feet project.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schoonover, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Jeffrey Schoonover, Superintendent | 580 Whetstone Hill Road, Somerset, MA 02726 |

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May 12, 2025

Diane Cloutier
Rotary Club of Fall River
Fall River, MA

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Westport School Committee and Westport Community School district, I would like to thank you for your support of our students and are happy to continue supporting the Fall River Rotary Club's Happy Feet project. Last year, the club provided sneakers and socks to 15 children in our community. We welcome the opportunity for our schools to partner with the Rotary's Happy Feet project and for their continued investment in our children's welfare and school success.

Without organizations like yours, we would not be able to provide the range of services and opportunities to the students of Westport! Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to this community.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Aubin
Superintendent of Schools

TFA/lm

It is the policy of the Westport Community Schools to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment, violence or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex/gender, marital status, homelessness, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status, pregnancy or any condition related to pregnancy, or military/veteran status.



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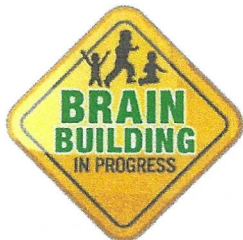
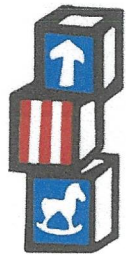
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*HS, EHS & FCC
Program Director*



June 4, 2025

To whom it may concern:

Head Start & Early Head Start of Fall River is pleased to support the Rotary Club of Fall River Happy Feet project. This year the club provided properly sized sneakers and socks to children in our program and we welcome the opportunity to partner with Rotary again.

CFC's Head Start & Early Head Start Program supports the development of our community's most vulnerable population through high quality, comprehensive services. CFC provides services that create healthy, nurturing environments which promote the positive development of children and families. We were very pleased with the Rotary Club helping our families fulfilling this need.

We appreciate their continued investment in our children's welfare and hope you will consider supporting the Rotary Club of Fall River Happy Feet project.

Sincerely,

Gloria Jackson
Health & Nutrition Coordinator



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

June 8, 2025

Dear Rotarians,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what an impact the Happy Feet project had on our childcare program at the Fall River YMCA.

The Fall River YMCA provides many low-income families with programs and family events they may not otherwise be able to participate in. We never refuse a family or child due to lack of financial capabilities. Our success is measured in the lives we touch. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunities to discover who they are and what they can achieve. That is why, through the Y, youth today are cultivating the values, skills, and relationships leading to positive behaviors, better health, and educational achievement. We bring families closer together, encouraging good health that fosters connections through wellness, sports, fun, and shared interest. We have also responded to our communities most critical needs for over 160 years. The Y serves the entire community and is open to everyone.

The Happy Feet program provided over 30 children with sneakers that they would not have been able to afford without this program. We are so grateful for your support with this. The parents of the children were so excited and were extremely thankful for the sneakers.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mancini
Senior Executive Director
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