



## **Rotary Club of La Crosse**

### **Membership Bridge Fund**

**The purpose of this fund is to create and maintain a fund to provide temporary financial assistance to Rotary Club of La Crosse (the Club) members considering resignation due to financial hardship.**

**Grounded in Rotary’s 4-Way Test—especially the questions “Is it fair to all concerned?” and “Will it build goodwill and better friendships?”—this policy reflects the understanding that fairness in a service-oriented fellowship means caring for the health of the entire community, rather than treating different circumstances the same. Temporary financial relief is best understood as a shared safety net, available to any member facing unforeseen hardship. In doing so, the policy helps retain valued members and the experience they bring, preserves the club’s ability to serve the broader community, and strengthens goodwill and fellowship. Above all, it reflects Rotary’s commitment to “Service Above Self,” recognizing that supporting one another in times of need is its highest expression within our own ranks and affirming that a Rotarian’s value lies in dedication, service, and our common bonds.**

**A committee consisting of the President, Past President, President-Elect, President-Elect Nominee, Membership Committee Chair, and club administrator will evaluate applications and select recipients. This will be a confidential process.**

**Please complete and return your application to the Club Administrator at [rotary@rotarycluboflacrosse.org](mailto:rotary@rotarycluboflacrosse.org) or mail to Rotary Club of La Crosse, PO Box 1941, La Crosse, WI 54601**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief explanation of the circumstances leading to the request for financial assistance currently:

I understand I will be responsible for club dues and any raffles or donations I choose to make during the period of the grant.

I understand the Membership Bridge Fund (MBF) covers the meals.

I understand it is my responsibility to pay a \$25 reinstatement fee (half of the new member fee) ONLY if I had previously resigned due to financial hardship. This does not apply to current club members.

I understand I am expected to remain in good standing for the duration of the grant period. This includes continued engagement in club activities and service projects, and attendance at meetings.

I understand funds for assistance will be available to me for six months, with the possibility of one three-month extension. The Membership Committee chair and a member of the MBF Committee will meet with me after five months for a status update to determine if a three-month extension is needed.

I understand that if the reason for financial assistance ends at any point, I should notify the Club Administrator.

Decisions will be based on an applicant’s participation and engagement in the club and not based on specific attendance or service project criteria.

The Membership Fruit Box Fundraiser requirement will be addressed on an individual basis.

At the conclusion of the Member Bridge Fund support period, if the member decides to remain in the Club, he/she will become responsible for dues, meal cost, and other Club expenses.

I hereby apply for temporary financial assistance from the Member Bridge Fund of Rotary Club of La Crosse as described in the proposal above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_