



COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM PURPOSE & PROCEDURES

The Rotary Club of Chariho provides Community Grants to very deserving nonprofit organizations as well as the public schools on a semi-annual basis. The funding for the Grants is generated from Rotary's annual fundraising events. The Club's areas of focus for funding are Education Programs, Health & Human Service Programs, Social Services, Youth Programs, Animal Advocacy and Arts & Culture. The Community Giving Committee will review all Grant applications and submit recommendations to the Rotary Club Board of Directors for their review and consideration. Please review the important information below, if you are interested in applying for a Community Grant.

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Club of Chariho Community Grants Program. Every year, the Rotary Club provides several grants to very deserving nonprofit service organizations and public schools in our communities. Please review these application instructions carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

GRANT SCHEDULE

Spring Cycle

Application due by April 15th. Announcement of grants awarded will be in May. Recipient organizations will be invited to a Tuesday evening Rotary meeting in June for Awards Program.

Fall Cycle

Application due by October 15th. Announcement of grants awarded will be November. Recipient organizations will be invited to a Tuesday evening Rotary meeting in December for Awards Program.

REVIEW CRITERIA

- A budget will be determined for Club contributions annually.
- The Club will publicly announce an offering of donations to the community annually.
- The Club will conduct reviews of applications submitted through online and mail in application process and select those that meet the criteria and budget.
- Incomplete and / or late applications will not be considered.
- Grants generally range from \$250 to \$1,500. Larger grants may be considered based on available funds.
- All grant requests must be for a specific project or initiative.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The Rotary Club endeavors to give priority to charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public schools in the Washington County that serve residents of the Chariho and Exeter communities, but grants are not limited to such organizations.
- A newly completed application must be submitted each year, and a grant award in one year does not guarantee an award for the following year. A grant award is made at the sole discretion of the Rotary Club of Chariho and the decision of the Club is final.
- If a program, project or service is county-wide, Rotary Club of Chariho encourages the requesting organization to seek funding from other area Rotary Clubs as well.
- Project and/or service must address a local need, be available to the community as a whole and/or target a specific in-need segment of the community.
- The higher the number of people served, the better.
- The Rotary Club prefers to provide seed-money for new, unique and innovative projects and services or for the purchase of specific equipment.
- The Community Giving Committee applauds opportunities for matching grants although the Committee will not take responsibility for monitoring, tracking and auditing to assure grants are matched.

- Applying organizations are not required to present their application before the Rotary Club but may be asked to speak at a club meeting to educate members about their organization or project.
- Applicants must submit the application provided to the Community Grant Committee. This will allow all organizations an equal opportunity to request grant funds.
- Recipients of Rotary Grants are asked to announce, advertise, or otherwise publicly recognize Rotary as a donor.
- Grant recipients are required to make a presentation at a Rotary meeting upon completion of the project.

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

In general, the Rotary Club does not grant funds to the following types of organizations or projects:

- Religious activities or projects that serve, or appear to serve, the doctrine of a specific religious group or denomination. If a proposal submitted by a church-based or similar organization is intended to serve a broad segment of the population, as would a project of a comparable non-religious organization, the committee will consider the proposal on the same basis as proposals from other nonprofits.
- Political lobbying, political campaigns or legislative activities
- Debt retirement or deficit financing
- Operating Expenses
- Individuals
- Development Funds or Foundations
- Multi-Year Requests
- Requests from Charitable Organizations for Scholarship Funds

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit your grant application by email in PDF format to tbabcock@uri.edu or to Rotary Club of Chariho, PO Box 543, Hope Valley, RI 02832 postmarked by the due date.

EVALUATION

The Rotary Club Community Giving Committee will evaluate each proposal on, but not limited to:

- Response to community issues
- Financial and community need
- Availability to the community as a whole or to a large in-need segment of the community
- Ability to improve community members' lives
- Measurable results
- Decisions not to fund particular applications are more likely to result from limited resources than to reflect upon the merits of the applicant or the worthiness of the proposal.

NOTE: Any information provided in the grant application may be used in Rotary press releases, reports, research or other published matters unless confidentiality is requested in writing.

For questions, contact us at: tbabcock@uri.edu