RFL Community Grants 2025

Sponsor Training Information

Sponsor Information Overview

- Review RFL Community Grant Information
- Review the 2025 Community Grant Application
- Work with applicants to ensure compliance with requirements
- Applications are due by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2025 and should be submitted by email to rotarianfoundationlivermore@gmail.com.

Eligible Organizations

- Community Nonprofit 501(c)(3)
- Charitable Organization
- Public (T)K - 12 School (requires principal’s endorsement)
- Public Community College

RFL Seeks Recipients that Align with RFL Vision

RFL grants support the vision of the Foundation and enable us to fulfill our mission:

Vision: The quality of life of Livermore Valley residents is sustainably improved by the philanthropy of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

Mission: The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore awards grants to Livermore Valley charitable organizations, underwrites Rotary projects, and provides financial support that benefit the diverse residents of the Livermore Valley.

RFL Seeks Recipients that Align with RFL Priorities

RFL invites grants aligned with RFL Priorities. It is our intent to improve the quality of life especially of individuals who are

- Members of underserved/disadvantaged communities
  and/or
- Youth, veterans, or seniors

RFL seeks to partner with organizations and support projects that align with one or more RFL Priorities and

- Show inclusivity and respect the diversity of our community
- Provide for an enduring and extensive community benefit

Amount of Grant & Funding Exceptions

- Community Grants may be awarded for up to $10,000, depending on the project.

- It is important that grant awards be used for charitable purposes so that the tax-exempt status of the Foundation is not jeopardized.

- Grant funding may not be used to pay salaries.

Application Questions

- Provide a succinct description of the project, including an explanation of why it is needed and how your organization is equipped to implement it.
- What are the goals/outcomes of this project?
- How will you specifically measure and report the success and impact of this project?
- How will the RFL Grant provide for an enduring and extensive community benefit?
- To what extent does the project benefit youth, veterans, seniors, and/or underserved/disadvantaged members of the Livermore Valley community?
- How does the project and those it benefits show inclusivity and respect the diversity of the Livermore Valley community?
- What is the proposed timeline for this project?

Budget Required for Use of Grant Funds

- Remind applicants to submit an itemized budget that shows how the RFL funds will be used.

- If the RFL funds will be merged with other funding sources, we still need to see how RFL funds will be specifically allocated.

Responsibilities of Awardees

- Attend the Awards Presentation Event, at which they will be able to speak briefly about their project.

- Support fundraising activities of the Foundation. This support may include attendance at events, providing volunteers at events, promoting events, and donating items such as auction items or in-kind support of events.

- Submit a *Grant Progress Report* from the responsible person that is to be received by December 15, 2025. This report should describe the disbursement of the grant funds and the accomplishments and remaining plans of the funded project.

- Use the funds for the application's stated purpose within 12 months from the grant award.

A Few Additional Notes

- Applicants who have won an RFL grant last year and/or recently are allowed to apply again.

- Your responsibility as a sponsor is to support the applicant in completing the application thoroughly. You do not need to provide them with assistance in developing their responses. For example, you do not have to show them how to set goals, create a budget, etc.

- Your support of an applicant through this process does not require you to vote to award them an RFL grant. Once all of the applications are received, the committee will determine the winners, and it’s hard to know how your applicant will compare before you know the competition.

Questions?

- Applicants may send questions to rotarianfoundationlivermore@gmail.com. Please enter 2025 Grants as part of the subject.

- Rotarians may send questions to RFL 2025 Grant Co-Chairs
  - Philomena Rambo, vprambo@gmail.com
  - Jeff Youngsma, j.youngsma@me.com

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