

CRITERIA FOR METRO BETHESDA ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

These items represent guidelines, not rules or regulations. Each project request is to be evaluated on its own merits and in the context of the Foundation's ability to finance and monitor the project being proposed.

1. Each project should be sponsored by a member in good standing of the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club.
2. Projects should promote the general welfare of the recipients in economic, social, or cultural terms.
3. Projects financing capital campaigns, administrative costs, or on-going operating budgets are less desirable candidates for funding.
4. Projects should have performance indicators that have tangible and immediate outcomes that are quantifiable, with an emphasis on sustainability. Follow-up reports will be required from all grantees indicating how funds were spent.
5. Projects must be apolitical.
6. In the case of international projects, they must be sponsored by a reputable and registered non-governmental organization (NGO) or private voluntary organization (PVO) or by a local Rotary Club.
7. Projects should be in the spirit of Rotary's Four-Way Test and should avoid potential liability, conflict of interest, and/or negative publicity.
8. Projects that have other donor contributions, donations-in-kind, cash contributions, and/or service contributions are desirable.
9. Projects should enhance the visibility of Rotary International and the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club.
10. International projects should address at least one of the six critical areas of focus identified by Rotary International: (1) Peace/conflict resolution; (2) Disease prevention/treatment; (3) Clean water/sanitation; (4) Maternal and child health; (5) Education/literacy; (6) Economic development. Locally funded projects should strive to fund projects in the same categories.