



2023 York Rotary Grant Guidelines

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Locally, the Rotary Club of York does this through **York Rotary Grants**. All interested applicants will complete a Letter of Interest (LOI) found on the Rotary website – www.yorkrotary.org The LOI will open on **March 13, 2023 and will close on April 10, 2023 at 5:00pm.**

YORK ROTARY GRANTS

York Rotary Grants provide valuable funding support to address the changing needs of York through grant programs focused on improving our local community. Grants of \$2,500-\$10,000 will be awarded in 2023 that align local fields of interest with Rotary International's focus to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Each year, we choose two fields of interest to locally support with our funds.

The fields of interest for 2023 and examples projects/programs that would fall under these fields follow. **The York Rotary Club Grants Committee only accepts letters of interest that fall under one or both of these interests.**

1) Economic Development (Growing Local Economies)

- Programs and projects helping low-income families achieve lasting financial security, or promoting equal economic opportunities
- Events designed to draw people to a community and increase financial impact to the local economy
- Educational programs in job training or that help residents start their own local business.

Program example: The John A. Lambert Hospitality program that provided hospitality training at no cost as part of the Yorktowne re-opening. <https://www.yocopathways.com/now-open-register-for-the-john-a-lambert-hospitality-training-program-today/>

2) Peace (Promoting Peace & Social Justice, and Gun Violence Prevention)

- Programs and projects designed to reduce community gun violence/crime
- Events to bring people together to promote peaceful dialogue and address community divides
- Educational programs promoting peaceful resolution to conflict
- Programs, projects, and events to promote equal rights and equitable opportunities for all York residents

Program example: 8th Annual Stop the Violence Event at Penn Park, working to support families effected by gun violence and to end gun violence in York: <https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/8th-annual-stop-the-violence-event-in-york/521-f58ac873-dda5-4aa5-a060-7d5e8650a8ad>

Eligibility

- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district located in and providing programming/services in York County, Pennsylvania. Applicants are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded.
- Unincorporated groups must apply through a nonprofit, tax exempt corporation that acts as a fiscal sponsor. The fiscal sponsor is legally responsible for the administration of the contract, including all reporting requirements, and may charge a fee for its services. Applicants applying through a fiscal sponsor organization must meet the same requirements as other applicants, except for nonprofit status. The fiscal sponsor is responsible for any



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award. The fiscal sponsor receives the award check directly from the Rotary Club of York and is responsible for ensuring the completion of the final reports.

- Priority will be given to programs, projects and events that directly serve historically disadvantaged communities in York, including:
 - Black, Indigenous people of color (BIPOC)
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Children and adults that are housing insecure
 - Children and adults below the poverty line
 - Older adults over 55+ that are on a fixed income
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons
- Priority given to projects that are working to improve the lives of the residents of York City. This means events that take place geographically in the City of York and/or programs that positively impact the residents of York City.

Funding Restrictions

Grant funds cannot be used for any of the following:

- Activities outside of July 1, 2023-June 31, 2024.
- Activities that have a religious purpose.
- Payments to lobbyists.
- Cash prizes and awards.
- Benefit activities or fundraising events.

Grant Amount-no more than ½ of the total cost of the project. Grantees must have matching dollars.

Grants addressing one or both fields of interest that are selected to move to the full application stage can request \$2,500-\$10,000 but the requested dollars must be matched by a different source.

Application Review Process

- All interested applicants complete a Letter of Interest (LOI) found on the Rotary website – www.yorkrotary.org
- The LOI will open on **March 13, 2023, and close on April 10, 2023, at 5:00pm.**
- LOIs will be reviewed for project eligibility and alignment with fields of interest.
- Full applications will open **April 14, 2023 and will close on May 1, 2023 at 5:00pm.**
- Applicants will receive notification by **June 1, 2023.**