

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.

The Rotary Club of York is seeking to transform the lives of York City youth and cultivate their success in collaboration with community partners. The Service Project Development Committee of the Rotary Club of York is accepting proposals for new initiatives that demonstrate **measurable impact in the lives of York City youth ages pre-K through 12th grade**. Project budgets must range between \$50,000-\$100,000 with the possibility of multi-year support. **Proposals are being accepted December 3, 2025-March 27, 2026, and up to two projects may be accepted.**

Considerations

- Proposals must illustrate measurable impact, and organizations must agree to measure and report on defined outputs if funding is awarded.
- Collaborations between multiple organizations encouraged.
- Rotary Club of York member involvement as volunteers preferred.
- Proposals can be for new, innovative programs or a quantum leap to an existing program that will provide measurable impact expansion.

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. The fiscal sponsor is responsible for any 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.
- Faith-based organizations are eligible with submission of their non-discrimination statement.

Funding Restrictions

Grant funds cannot be used for any of the following:

- Activities that have a religious purpose.
- Payments to lobbyists.
- Cash prizes and awards.
- Benefit activities or fundraising events.

Proposal Review Criteria

- RFP will open on **December 3rd** and close on **March 27th, 2026, at 5:00pm**. Decisions will be based on the following:
 - Mission and focus alignment



- Sustainable, measurable impact on the lives of York City youth
- Eligibility for Rotary investment/service project involvement
- The sources and diversity of funding for the organization
- Collaborations
- Sound management of resources

Grant Request

- How much funding is your organization requesting to achieve the selected proposal and anticipated outcomes?
 - *Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 with the potential for multi-year awards.
 - *No more than 20% of the requested funding may be allocated to overhead/administrative costs/salaries.

Proposal Engagement Meeting

We request that each applicant who meets basic eligibility criteria agree to a 30-minute virtual or in-person meeting with the Service Project Development committee to gain deeper insight into your program.

Additional Documentation if Awarded

Once proposal is approved, organizations must provide the following documentation:

- 501c3 IRS Designation, If applicable
- Most recent IRS Form 990, if applicable
- Current Bureau of Charitable Organizations certificate, if applicable
- List of current Board of Directors, including service terms and corporate affiliation, if any
- Most Recently Board Approved Organizational Budget
- Cost Estimates from vendors, If applicable
- Sample data collection Instruments, If applicable
- Annual audit, independent financial review, or board-approved financial statements, dependent upon organizational revenue size
 - Audit required for organizations with annual revenues greater than \$750,000
 - Independent financial review required for organizations with annual revenues between \$400,000-\$749,999
 - Financial Statements with narrative required for organizations with annual revenues under \$400,000