



## **ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, MAINE**

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### **GUIDELINES**

The Rotary Club of Portland has a rich tradition of supporting charitable organizations and activities in the Greater Portland Area. The Rotary Club of Portland welcomes applications for grants designed to improve the quality of life of Portland residents. We are particularly drawn to contributing to organizations that create programs in support of veterans, new Mainers, the elimination of childhood hunger, increasing literacy, supporting victims of substance abuse, and educating and challenging young leaders. Further, a keystone of Rotary Clubs throughout the world is the elimination of polio and other communicable diseases. The Club does not make grants in support of political purposes, nor does it support organizations that are not recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization.

The Club cannot support all of the organizations from whom we receive applications. We prefer to make contributions to organizations who are financially self-sufficient, and who offer long-term social payback. At its discretion, the Club may extend grants to those who meet the later criteria, but struggle with financial sustainability.

No application from an organization will be considered unless it has been determined to be tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We will consider applications from organizations who are in the process of applying for tax-exempt status, but they must have a fiscal sponsor. If the applying party is a public school, this requirement is waived, but the applicant must include a letter from the school principal acknowledging that the application complies with its jurisdictional Board of Education requirements for soliciting funds.

Grant applicants must complete the club's Charitable Grant Application. If there is insufficient space on the form for responses to questions, please attach an additional page. Signed applications should be sent to the address on the form.