

Request for Proposal

Community Service Project to commemorate Noontime Rotary Club's 20th Anniversary

Rotary is one of the world's largest and most established service organizations, with more than 1.2 million members in more than 230 countries worldwide.

Rotarians contribute their time, energy and passion to sustainable, long-term projects in communities throughout the world. These include peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development.

Locally, the Noontime Rotary Club of Ellsworth has been addressing these issues in our community since 2008. Founded with the common goal of "Service Above Self", the Noontime Club distinguishes itself by its commitment to advancing personal, professional and economic growth in the greater Ellsworth area, both for its members and the community's businesses, not-for-profit organizations and students.

In addition to our ongoing community outreach projects with the student population, the Noontime Club is looking to partner with local organizations to address pressing needs in support of our community. The Club hosts an annual golf tournament in the spring to raise money toward this endeavor. Through donated dollars and volunteer service, the Noontime Club hopes to make a lasting impact in our community in any of the following areas:

- Improving quality of life and economic and community development and growth
- Youth literacy and support of education
- Disease prevention and treatment

In 2027, the Noontime Club is interested in supporting projects in our community that can make a lasting impact for the organization(s) funded.

Community Project Application Information

The selection process will occur in the summer into fall of 2026 with a proposal submission deadline of July 1, 2026. The Club may choose to select a single project or multiple projects for support, but the total funding available for one or more projects is \$35,000-\$40,000.

Eligibility Criteria – organization must:

- Have a 501(c)(3) designation and operate in Hancock County
- Designate at least one staff member to serve as the point of contact for the project

- Attend pre-determined Rotary meeting(s) to introduce the organization/project and to give an update/final report on the funded project
- Address one or more of the Club's impact areas listed above
- Project will be named in commemoration of Noontime Rotary Club of Ellsworth's 20th Anniversary

Funding can be used for:

- Improvement to existing services
- New project support
- New infrastructure and equipment

Funding will not be considered for:

- Private foundations
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicap, disability, medical condition or veteran status
- Political candidates, political organizations, political lobbying
- Faith-based organizations
- Deficits or debt payments, salaries not essential to the success of the project

Project Schedule:

July 1, 2026	Applications due
End of August 2026	Finalist interview(s)/presentation(s) to the Club
September 1, 2026	Project(s) selected and applicant notified
September 2026 – June 2027	Project(s) launched/conducted
July 2027	Project(s) completed and organization presentation

Proposal Procedure and Requirements:

- Submit a Cover Letter, Project Scope/Outline and Budget, Board of Directors and Staff list, and any supporting documentation (IRS 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or governmental entity tax-exempt determination letter, financials)
- Applications must be submitted via email by 5p.m. on July 1, 2026 to Victor Chan at victor@wallaceevents.com
- No phone calls, please. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Rotary International Mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals, and community leaders.