

## **Rotary Club of New Canaan Announces 2020 Grant Opportunities**

The Rotary Club of New Canaan has opened its annual grant application process. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2020 from registered 501 c (3) organizations in New Canaan and neighboring areas for grants in one of the following two categories only:

1. Health and Wellness
2. Education and Literacy

These are based on two of Rotary International's six *Areas of Focus* that are particularly applicable to our local community. Our club directs part of the funds it raises locally to other Areas of Focus through contributions to regional, national and international Rotary initiatives.

With this notice, we invite qualifying organizations to submit a grant application. The request can be made to fund special projects and capital improvements, as well as operating funds. The maximum dollar request is \$1,500. Applicants are requested to provide the following information (no more than two pages please):

- Name of the non-profit organization and IRS registration number
- Contact name, with email address and phone number
- A brief history of the organization, its mission, and major accomplishments
- The specific dollar amount requested (maximum request \$1,500) and a description of the purpose for which funding is sought
- State whether the funds requested will cover the whole project or a portion of it
- A description of how your program participants will benefit

You may also provide information about whether there are service opportunities for Rotarians if you wish. We are a small club but are, first and foremost, a service organization.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2020.

**Please submit your application electronically (no hard copy) to the following email address:**  
[allocations@newcanaanrotary.org](mailto:allocations@newcanaanrotary.org).

Any questions about the application process should also be sent to this email address.

Organizations receiving grants will be notified by early May and funds will be distributed at an event in late May.

The Rotary Club of New Canaan was founded in 1959 and has funded hundreds of local civic efforts and provided support for many organizations in New Canaan and neighboring communities. The proceeds from the Club's annual LobsterFest event, held annually on the grounds of the New Canaan Historical Society in September, fund the grants. The Rotary Club meets on the first four Thursdays of the month at 12:15 p.m. at Waveny House (at nearby Lapham House in the summer). Rotarians and guests are welcome.