

**Gateway/Lacey/Olympia Rotary Clubs
District Community Grant Opportunity
March 28, 2018**

An exciting partnership of the Gateway, Lacey and Olympia Rotary Clubs is pleased to announce a significant grant opportunity that allows the receiving organization to propose a project that engages Rotary volunteers to help implement it. Proposed projects must meet these criteria:

- Support activities to benefit the lives and success of children, youth and families in Thurston County
 - Primary interest is in the region served by North Thurston and Olympia school districts, but proposals from across our county will be accepted
- Ensure a valuable and defined role for Rotary volunteers
- Provide both great community benefit and clear and ongoing recognition of Rotary contribution
- The project must be completed by May 30, 2019

We are seeking proposals for the use of \$21,000. Proposals shall be **submitted by May 4, 2018**. The page below provides the application format. This grant shall not fund “normal operational expenses,” and is intended to **support a one-time project to build capacity of the receiving organization(s) and/or provide improvements that will enhance or expand the receiving organization’s ability to fulfill its mission**. As these funds cannot be used for staff costs. Project funds typically will cover capital or supply costs for project activities. \$10,500 comes from our Western WA/BC Rotary District matching funds and the remainder from funds raised by Rotary Club members from our three clubs. A critical goal is to ensure a partnership with Rotary Clubs that engages Rotarian volunteer labor and expertise to add value to the project.

Rotary Club members have a broad spectrum of skills and expertise and our three clubs’ membership totals over 350 individuals from across our region. We expect project proposals to include clarity about how Rotarians will be engaged for project work days or ongoing volunteer labor during the project period. Rotarians also may be recruited to donate items and supplies for the funded project.

Timeline:

Our Rotary Club District Community Grant (DCG) partnership expects to make funding decisions by the end of May and request matching funds from our District. Rotary sponsored projects shall commence once District commitment is finalized in early summer.

The application template follows. If an interested organization has questions for our Rotary DCG Partnership, contact Paul Knox at paul49knox@comcast.net for assistance.

Gateway/Lacey/Olympia Rotary District Community Grant Application Form

Please use the template below to submit an application of up to three pages in length. You may also include a cover letter if desired. To be considered, proposals must be received via email (single PDF please) by May 4, 2018 to Paul Knox at paul49knox@comcast.net

Applicant Organization:
Name and Title of Contact:
Address:
Email:
Telephone:

Name of Project:

Provide your organization mission and purpose.

Proposed project description and use of funds, including telling us:

- What problem or unmet need(s) are you trying to solve?
- Once completed, will the project require ongoing support and what is your plan to sustain it?

How will Rotarian volunteers be specifically used and what value will they add?

- How many volunteers can be included and what is the approximate time commitment overall?

How will Rotary investments be recognized and acknowledged in an ongoing way?

What are the desired project outcomes and how many people will be served?

Provide a simple budget of revenue and expenses for this project. If the project is larger in scope and will use other fund sources, explain those revenue sources and if the resources are currently committed and available.

Provide a summary project timeline and expected completion date.