



Rotary Global Grants

Rotary International encourages its clubs to contribute their skills, expertise, and financial support to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and protect the environment. The Rotary global grants support these efforts in communities worldwide and it builds cooperation spirit among Rotary clubs from different parts of the world. It is usually each club's International Service Committee undertakes the project.

In view of the Anti-Asian hate sentiment permeating our community today, the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove decided to work on an educational program to mitigate the Anti-Asian Hate as our project for the Global Grant under the focus of Peace Building. We believe education is the best tool to build understanding and dismantle walls.

Our efforts coincide with AB 101 in Nov 2021, that Gov Newsom just signed.

<https://www.dailycal.org/2021/10/12/newsom-signs-ab-101-requiring-ethnic-studies-in-public-high-schools/> It mandates California School system to implement Asian American History into a high school curriculum beginning graduating class of 2029/2030.

While resources will begin to pour into the development of the curriculum, UC Davis, School of Education found there is something that requires our more immediate attention which is school bullying of California's Asian American youth. Dr. Gee is spearheading this pilot project. The impact of proposed work on school and broader community through a survey administered to sample targeting Asian American youth in California, can help address numerous unknowns that can help inform and shape anti bullying school cultures, policies and practices. (More details are in the attachment.)

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Walnut Grove, District 5180

International sponsoring club

Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbor, District 3450

Partner organization:

UC Davis, School of Education.

Budget: \$ 40,000

The present status

Since August 2021, I have already reached the understanding with my former Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbor, that we will work together on a project of this nature. They have earmarked funding accordingly.

Our District 5180 is quite interested because this is the first time in 10 years that we have a project where an American club plays the host. The last project was Human Trafficking headed by Rotary Club of East Sacramento.

Now I am at the stage of communicating with UC Davis, trying to get all the information to fill out the application. As soon as Rotary International approves our project, then we can start raising funds. I intend to raise money from various clubs in Hong Kong, Taiwan, even Malaysia. Then we can also try to raise funds from clubs of 5180.

For the money we raise from the clubs, we will be able to use them to leverage for the matching grants from DDF, (District Designated Fund) and Global Grant Fund. I am still working on the nexus of all these funding which inter-relates.

In the months to come, I need members to join the committee to prepare for the upcoming fundraising endeavors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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