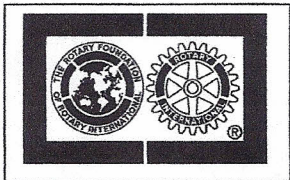


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District 5580 District Simplified Grant Application

Please print or type all information and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

See District Simplified Grants (DSG) 'CRITERIA & GUIDELINES' (attached) for instructions, eligibility, and program requirements.

FOR DISTRICT 5580 USE ONLY (once Grant is approved)

District Grant No. WCS-_____ Date Approved 04-19-2012
District Grant Subcommittee Chair Signature Heidi Schmidt
District Rotary Foundation Chair Signature AP Watral

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please describe the project, its location, its objectives, and how they will be attained. Note: The project cannot be started until the district grants subcommittee approves the District Simplified Grant Application.

1. What is the purpose of this project? Provide a brief description.

The purpose of the "Rotary Planting Hope" project is to provide grass seed to the Minot Park District for replanting grass that was flooded this past June 2011 in the historic Minot Flood. Funds acquired through this application would be used to purchase grass seed to replant public parks acreage, primarily Oak Park in Minot ND.

2. How will it meet the needs of the community?

The aftermath of the flood has left many public spaces brown and desolate. The distribution and planting of grass seed will "plant hope" into dead lands and boost the morale of many area residents. According to the Minot Park District, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is unable to assist in restoring much of the Minot Park District's land affected by the 2011 flood. In their letter to the Minot Rotary Clubs, "Our needs are great. We estimate it will cost the citizens of Minot over 50 million dollars to restore our parks to their grandeur" (Steve Wharton, Horticulturist, Minot Park District). The Minot Rotary Clubs recognize that the amount of funds requested in this DSG application falls significantly short of the total restoration estimates. However, we also recognize that every small step forward is a positive one and Minot Rotarians wish to create hope and recovery by the "greening up" effort this will accomplish.

3. How will the host and partner(s) (District 5580 Rotary Club(s) and/or others) communicate and work together to implement this project? Please provide specific examples of activities.

The Rotary Club of Minot together with the Minot Sunrise Rotary Club has organized a joint community services committee. This 12 member group meets twice per month and will implement the proposed project. Members also communicate effectively through email when not meeting face-to-face. Minutes of our committee meetings are kept and shared with all members. Committee progress is then reported back to the entire Minot Rotary membership. Partners specific to the "Rotary Planting Hope" project have been recruited and include:

Minot Park District
Cenex Harvest States

Estimated project start date May 1, 2012 Estimated project completion date December 31, 2012

2. OTHER NON-ROTARY ORGANIZATIONS

If this project involves a cooperating organization, provide the name of the organization below, attaching a letter of participation from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities and how Rotarians will interact with the organization in the project. By signing this application, the Rotarian sponsors endorse the organization is reputable, responsible, registered with the project country, and acting within the laws of the project country.

Name of organization Minot Park District

3. ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT MAKING THE APPLICATION

Name the club that will coordinate principal funding for the project and that will assume responsibility for the project.

Rotary Club Rotary Club of Minot and Minot Sunrise Rotary

Project Contacts: Two Rotarians must be listed who will provide oversight and management of the project funds for the entire duration of the project, even if it continues into another Rotary year.

Primary Contact

Name Dusty Zimmerman

Rotary position/title President Elect

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701-721-7337

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4. PROJECT BUDGET

Include a complete itemized budget for the entire project. Please use separate pages if necessary.

The Minot Park District has provided Minot Sunrise Rotary with a detailed list of acreage affected by the flood. In all, 300 acres of land is in need of reseeding with grass. The Park District will provide the labor for the seeding of the grass. At the calculated spread rate, 63,800 pounds of grass seed will need to be purchased at \$1.50 per pound = \$95,700. Please note that the \$1.50 per pound is a discounted rate provided by Minot's local Cenex Harvest States Company which includes shipping costs. The typical rate is \$1.70 per pound. The goal of the entire project is to raise a total of \$100,000 used to purchase the grass seed and the remaining \$4,300 to support administrative and/or advertising costs. It is likely the additional \$4,300 will be provided pro bono by club members and businesses. We are looking to this application as a model for other projects in terms of organization and distribution of materials and are willing to accept other partners to aid in fundraising and raising awareness of the need.

5. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES

1. Who will own equipment, materials, or supplies? (Cannot be owned by a Rotary Club or Rotarian)

N/A

2. Who will be responsible for maintenance, operating, and/or storage costs of the equipment/supplies?

The grass seed will be delivered to the Park District and is included in the per pound pricing. The Park District/distributor will handle the storage of the seed until they are able to plant in the summer.

6. PROPOSED FINANCING

If equipment/supplies will be shipped (in the event of this being an international project), have arrangements been made for custom clearance? N/A

Please list all financing and indicate cash and District Simplified Grant money being requested.

After the flood of 2011, several Rotary clubs from across the United States and Canada contacted the Minot Rotary Club to offer their support. Minot Rotarians are in the process of communicating project plans and commitments with fellow states including Minnesota, Arizona and Colorado. Other clubs immediately sent the Minot Rotary Club money to begin the recovery process. Below is a listing of the contributions in hand. The two Minot Rotary Clubs will also do fundraising and write for additional grants for the project. In addition, Minot Rotarians will be making "in-kind" donations with their time to implement the project activities.

9. ACTIVE ROTARIAN PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Sponsorship Authorization

All Rotary Clubs and Districts involved in this project are responsible to the District 5580 Foundation Grants Subcommittee and ultimately to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for the conduct of the project and for reporting on it. The signature at the bottom of this page confirms that the sponsors understand and accept responsibility for the project. Sponsors may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

Please list below the activities your club will undertake demonstrating the active involvement of Rotarians in this project.

By signing below, we agree to the following:

- ☐ All information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of our knowledge.
- ☐ This application meets all District Simplified Grant criteria as stated in District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- ☐ The club has agreed to undertake this project as an activity of the club.
- ☐ We understand and will comply with the required Rotarian activities and reporting requirements as stated in the District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- ☐ We agree that, should the project take more than six months to complete, interim reports will be submitted every six months from the time the grant is paid, and final reports will be provided no later than two months after the completion of the project.
- ☐ Projects using DSG funds must be completed within two (2) years from the time of grant approval. Interim Reports are due every six (6) months during the activity of the project and within two (2) months of completion of the project. If the project cannot be completed as expected within the two-year time frame, all DSG funds MUST be returned to the District 5580 Treasurer to replenish the DSG Grant Fund.

Club President (printed name) Ron Merritt / Veronica Meyer Veronica Meyer
Signature Ron Merritt

Rotary Club name Rotary Club of Minot / Sunrise Rotary
Club _____ Date February 27,
2012 _____

10. AUTHORIZATION OF ROTARY CLUB'S FUNDS

Complete below authorization for club funds to be used for this project. Presidents of all clubs contributing must sign this authorization. (Duplicates of this sheet may be made).

Club President (printed name) Ron Merritt / Veronica Meyer Ron Merritt
Signature Veronica Meyer

Rotary Club name Rotary Club of Minot / Sunrise Rotary
Club _____ Date February 27,
2012 _____

Amount authorized \$800 (Noon Club) _____

11. COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your District Simplified Grant (DSG) application, please take a minute to review this checklist and make sure that it is complete. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the district grants subcommittee chair.

- ☐ Does the project meet all DSG criteria?
- ☐ Has the sponsoring club appointed two contacts to oversee the project?
- ☐ Are these individuals correctly listed on the application?
- ☐ Is there a written funding confirmation from the club president(s) who will be in office during the year of the funding request?
- ☐ Have the responsibilities of the project sponsor been outlined? Do they meet the requirements of a DSG project?
- ☐ Is there a written commitment (or signature on Section 9 of the application) from the project sponsor?
- ☐ Is there a detailed budget provided for the project?
- ☐ Is there a cost estimate from the supplier(s) for each item?
- ☐ Is a cooperating organization involved? If so, is there a letter from the organization, which specifically states how the organization will work together and how Rotarians will be involved and interact?
- ☐ Have you outlined in detail how you plan to publicize the project?
- ☐ Have you made copies of all documents for your files prior to submitting them to the district grants subcommittee?

NOTE: *The district grants subcommittee will plan to review your application as soon as possible.*

Send the completed application and all attachments via email to:

Diane Collins, District 5580 Executive Secretary

Email: bigfish@uslink.net

Primary Sponsor Rotary Club**Amount Contributing**

_____ Minot Rotary Clubs _____ \$8,500 _____

Other Rotary Clubs/Districts

_____ Rotary Club of Brandon, District 5500 _____ \$1,000 _____

Additional funding from other sources (if any)

Cy Bispham of Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay, Club 4340
District 6960 (personal donation)

_____ \$5,000 _____

Cliff Anson (personal donation)

_____ \$6,000 _____

SUBTOTAL

_____ \$20,500 _____

Amount requested from District Simplified Grant
(Not to exceed amount contributed by Rotary Club(s))

_____ \$10,000 _____

TOTAL

_____ \$30,500 _____

7. PUBLICITY

How will the general public know that this is a Rotary-sponsored project? Please provide details, e.g. publicity in a newspaper or display of the Rotary wheel.

The "Rotary Planting Hope" project will be promoted through all forms of major media in the Minot area. Press releases will be sent to the Minot Daily News, local radio stations, and to local NBC and CBS affiliates. In addition, social media will be utilized through Facebook and the Rotary website. All printed and electronic media will display the Rotary wheel prominently. The project will show the impact that Rotary can make on a disaster of this magnitude and provide hope to the many affected.

8. REPORT

The sponsoring club is required to complete and submit progress (interim) and final reports to the district grants subcommittee. Please indicate below the individual who will take primary responsibility for submitting these reports.

Name _____ Dusty Zimmerman/Jonn Knecht

Signature _____

Name of Rotary Club MINOT NOON / MINOT SUNRISE