

Statistics:

- \$41,263.00 – available matching funds
- \$28,551.83 – grant funds requested
- \$25,901.83 – grant fund requests forwarded to RI
- 25 Projects submitted to the District Grants Committee
- 23 Projects forwarded to Rotary International; 1 project subsequently withdrawn
- 22 Clubs represented
- Some clubs submitted multiple projects
- Some projects included multiple clubs

Grants awarded for the 2014-15 Rotary Year:

Ashland – Trees for Ashland-Greenwood middle school track field - \$768

Beatrice – Food Bank freezers and refrigerators - \$960

Bellevue – Relocate Union Pacific Caboose - \$1,000

Blair – Landscaping and surfacing of YMCA outdoor basketball court - \$1,500

Clarinda – Apple Dumpling Adventure literacy project - \$350

Falls City – Purchase frames for display of original magazines at renovated museum - \$1,500

Fremont – Educational and developmental aquatic equipment for special needs students at YMCA - \$1,500

Friend – iPads for use at Warren Memorial Hospital - \$300

Hebron – electronic readers / iPads for Headstart, Preschool, Kindergarten - \$1,500

Lincoln East – Josh the Otter Water Safety, Literacy and Fitness with Rotarians reading to participants - \$1,500

Lincoln South – Furniture for the Southeast Community College Veterans Resource Center - \$1,500

Norfolk – Benches and Picnic Tables for historic Central Park - \$1,500



Omaha Millard – Cody Elementary Buddy Bench to teach empathy and inclusion - \$900



Omaha Northwest, Omaha Downtown, Omaha Suburban – Vocational Readiness Materials for Omaha Public Schools transition program inspired by the ABLE workplace - \$1,383.33

Omaha Suburban – Crestridge Elementary School Landscaping Project - \$1,458.00

Omaha Suburban – Christmas stockings for the incarcerated; club to provide items for stocking stuffers - \$1,500



Omaha West – Rotary Educates – support children who have reported child abuse through Project Harmony - \$1,500

Schuyler – Performing Arts Development at Colfax Theatre – A/V equipment - \$300

Seward – Independent Landing handicapped fishing access - \$1,250

Shenandoah – Playground equipment for Trumbell Development Center - \$1,500

Southwest Omaha Night – Printing and Distribution of backpacks and water bottles with Boys Town Hotline information - \$1,500

Wayne – Sports equipment for skills and mentoring of Spanish-speaking youth - \$732.50



The guidelines (as discussed at the District Grants Management Seminars and/or sent out when I acknowledged receipt of the applications):

1. There was no guarantee that a grant would be approved and funded
2. Multi-club projects encouraged
3. It is possible for a grant amount to be adjusted by the committee
4. The grant decisions for 2014-15 were made based on:
 - a. Rotary International Terms and Conditions
 - b. Rotary District 5650 additional criteria
 - c. The Mission of The Rotary Foundation
 - d. The number of unique communities / clubs Served
 - e. The extent of financial support by club to The Rotary Foundation
 - f. Local community projects only
 - g. Purchase / support of a specific item rather than donation toward large project