

District 7780 Grant Awardees

Rotary Foundation 2026-27

Congratulations to the District 7780 clubs receiving District Grant funding for 2026-2027. These projects reflect Rotary's commitment to identifying community needs, building meaningful partnerships, and creating lasting impact through hands-on service. As you begin your work, please document your progress, Rotarian involvement, expenditures, and the people your project serves. Thank you for your thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship of Rotary Foundation funds.

This summary lists each participating district or club and its project details. Location and grant amount information have been removed.

District or Club	Project Details
Brunswick	Education • Construction/renovation Repair and renovate education space for the Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association summer camp program. Primary beneficiary: Children/youth
Damariscotta-Newcastle	Environment • Trees/plants Partner with the Central Lincoln County YMCA to create a new pollinator garden habitat in its newly created Discovery Village for Children. Primary beneficiary: Children/youth
Dover	Health • Medical supplies/equipment Partner with the Strafford County Sheriff's Office to install four automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in the county to help individuals suffering cardiac arrest. Primary beneficiary: General population
Exeter	Community development • Sports/recreation/playgrounds Partner with the YMCA to renovate the playground of a newly acquired day-care facility in Hampton, New Hampshire. Exeter Rotary will fund and help install the Center Spider Net structure. Primary beneficiary: Children/youth
Hampton	Community development • Sports/recreation/playgrounds Partner with Exeter YMCA to help purchase and install an Arch Swing Bay Plus Basket Seat at its newly acquired day-care facility in Hampton, New Hampshire, allowing a more inclusive outdoor play environment for children and families. Primary beneficiary: Children/youth
Kennebunkport	Community development • Construction/renovation Remove the existing decking system at the American Legion, including the ADA-compliant railing system and unsafe columns, and install high-traffic composite decking, new columns, and metal grab railings. Primary beneficiary: Disabled
Kittery	Community development • Sports/recreation/playgrounds Provide a new portable public-address system that can be heard clearly throughout outdoor events held for the benefit of the community at the Kittery Community Center. Primary beneficiary: General population

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Kittery After Hours	Education • Literacy Partner with Rice Public Library to increase inclusivity, particularly for English-as-a-second-language Spanish-speaking students in grades 2 through 6, by providing access to Spanish-language chapter books. Primary beneficiary: Children/youth
Portland	Community development • Food/hunger Partner with Farms for Food Equity to obtain fresh food from local farmers who have excess production they cannot harvest or sell. The food will be supplied to the Preble Street food pantry in South Portland, Maine, which provides meals to food-insecure individuals. Primary beneficiary: Economically disadvantaged
River Valley (Greater Rumford Area)	Health • Disease prevention Partner with the Larry Labonte Recovery Center to purchase an event canopy, grill, propane heaters, sound equipment, and craft supplies for annual events and weekly craft days, creating a positive, substance-free space that supports the local recovery initiative. Primary beneficiary: General population
Saco Bay (Saco-Biddeford)	Community development • Beautification/parks Replace the old and unsafe flagpole at the Saco Library and Museum with a new fiberglass flagpole, including new electrical fixtures and landscaping. Primary beneficiary: General population
South Berwick and Eliot	Education • School supplies/equipment Partner with EdCaminos in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, to provide supplies and food to children from economically disadvantaged families who receive after-school care, educational support, and enrichment. Primary beneficiary: Economically disadvantaged
Wells	Community development • Construction/renovation Provide all labor and materials needed to refurbish 16 circa-1999 picnic tables at the Wells Rotary Pavilion that are no longer usable. The club will maintain them annually as part of its ongoing community support. Primary beneficiary: General population
Westbrook-Gorham	Education • School supplies/equipment Provide 120 low-income children with birthday backpacks that include books, coloring books and crayons, a birthday card, candy, and other items. The project supports the club's ongoing work to provide books and assist economically disadvantaged children with reading. Primary beneficiary: Economically disadvantaged
Yarmouth	Community development • Beautification/parks Purchase, assemble, and install three new park benches at Royal River Park, giving visitors, particularly those with disabilities, a place to sit and enjoy the natural beauty of the park. Primary beneficiary: General population
District 7780	Health • Mental health Partner with Hero Pups in Stratham, New Hampshire, which provides mental-health support dogs to veterans in need. District 7780 clubs and interested Rotarians will be invited to support the district-wide grant, with the goal of providing two dogs. Primary beneficiary: Veterans