

Rotary International District 6270
District Grants Subcommittee of the Foundation Committee

2023-24 District Grants

FINAL REPORT

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SUMMARY

Twenty-six Rotary District Grants were approved and funded for 2023-24 in RID 6270. Twenty-five projects were conducted and completed. A total of \$74,747 was spent, including expenses.

REPORT

Available Funds

We began the year with \$77,003 in District Designated Funds (DDF) available from The Rotary Foundation (TRF), plus reserves of \$1,886 for a total of \$78,889.

District Grants

A total of 26 applications were received from Clubs in Rotary District 6270 for 2023-24 District Grants. Applications requested a total of \$76,480 in grant funding.

The District Grant Committee reviewed all 26 project applications on July 5, 2023. All applications, met criteria for District Grants in Rotary District 6270. All 26 proposed projects were approved. Total funding of \$76,480 was approved. The largest grant approved was \$3,000. The smallest grant approved was \$1,500. Clubs were notified of their application status on July 6, 2023. Half of approved grant funds were disbursed to clubs August 10, 2023.

The grant to Elmbrook was cancelled because the club was unable to complete its travel to Guatemala to perform the service due to political instability. Funds previously disbursed to Elmbrook were returned to the district.

Reporting

All clubs that received grants submitted Final Reports on completed projects by the deadline of May 15, 2024. Remaining funds were disbursed to clubs following review and approval of their documented expenses. Several clubs spent less money on their project than was budgeted and approved yielding a very small savings of \$1,028. In cases where clubs spent less than approved, final disbursements were based on actual spending. A total of \$72,452 disbursed to clubs.

Scholarship

District 6270 Youth Exchange program requested assistance in the form of a scholarship for a student traveling abroad. Scholarships for Youth Exchange are allowed under The Rotary Foundation guidelines for district grants. The committee approved using unspent 2023-24 grant funds for a Youth Exchange Scholarship. \$2,260 was expended on a need-based scholarship.

Benefits

A total of 356 Rotarians from 25 Clubs participated in grant projects an average of 14 Rotarians participating per club. A total of 1,758 hours of service were contributed to these projects, an average of 70 service hours per club project.

Approved projects addressed a wide variety of humanitarian, educational, and poverty alleviation concerns. Chart 1 shows areas in which projects were conducted.

Chart 1. Areas of project service	
Number	Project Area
11	Community Development
4	Education
3	Environmental support
3	Healthcare
5	Poverty

(See Appendix 1 for further information).

Overall Spending

The total spent from District Grant DDF funds was \$74,747, including administrative expenses and RYE scholarship.

Actual Funding

In August 2023, the District requested and received block grant DG2453662 of \$76,830 from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) including money for contingency and expenses. The remainder of DDF available to District Grants, \$173, was released to the District in July 2023 for use on other district projects such as Global Grants.

Released Funds

Once all projects were completed, all project final reports approved, and all remaining funds disbursed to clubs, a final report on DG2453662 was submitted to The Rotary Foundation. A total of \$2,083.50 in unspent DDF was returned to TRF for addition to District 6270 DDF reserve at TRF. On 11 July 2024, the district was notified that the final report was approved and DG2453662 was closed by TRF.

Training

Training was revised for changes in 2023-24 grant requirements and use of the Grants module - both the “refresher” online training course and “introductory” basic training were updated.

Training for 2023-24 grants was available starting in February 2023. All district grant training was offered virtually as zoom video conference. There were five training sessions in spring 2023:

Introductory / Overview Training (via ZOOM): *For people new to District Grants and for people who have not previously completed District Grant Training*

- Saturday, February 25, 10 AM – Noon (via zoom)
- Monday, March 13, 6 PM – 8 PM (via zoom)

Refresher Training (via ZOOM): *For people who previously completed training (2021 or before) and who have Previously worked on District Grants*

- Saturday, March 11, 10 AM – Noon (via zoom)
- Tuesday, April 4, 6 PM – 8 PM (via zoom)

Introductory Training (in person)

- Saturday, April 15, 10 AM – MPTC West Bend (in person only)

Separate training was provided for the District Grant Committee to enable application review.

HISTORY

The chart below shows some recent history of district grants. Note the increase in number of applications for next year (26 applications) and changes in training and requirements. There is concern that DDF available for District Grants in 2024-25 will be about \$10K smaller than in 2023-24 because Annual Fund Contributions in 2021-22 were less than in 2020-21.

Chart 2. History	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
DDF Available for District Grants	\$61,694	\$62,970	\$67,960	\$71,229	\$78,889
D-Grant Reserve	\$6,000				\$1,886
Actual Spent	\$64,497	\$61,944	\$63,619	\$59,837	\$74,747
Applications	21+13=34	23	22	21	26
Grants Approved & Funded	34	22	22	21	26
Grants NOT Approved		1			
Grants Cancelled		1			1
Supplemental Covid Grants	Yes				
Scholarly Stipend / RYE scholarship		\$3,000	\$4,152		\$2,260
Humanitarian Grant		\$2,000			
Rotaract Clubs Eligible			Yes	Yes	Yes
Satellite Clubs Eligible				Yes	Yes
Refresher Training		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RI Learning Center Online Training	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Face-to-Face Training	Yes	Yes			1 session
Zoom Training			2 sessions	4 sessions	4 sessions
ClubRunner Grant Module used				Yes	Yes
Rotarians involved	291	267	331	373	356
Service hours contributed	1,677	1,464	1,982	3,112	1,758

COMMITTEE

Service of many people on the 2023-24 District Grant Committee this year is greatly appreciated. Committee members were involved in review of requirements, support for training, review of grant applications, and discussion of problems. Thanks to the following for their assistance: DGE Pete Bosch (Waukesha); Dean Danner (Waukesha Sunrise); DG Don Griffing (Oshkosh); Hibbie Hayslett (Mitchell Field); Tamie Koop (Waukesha Sunrise); Erik Moeser (Elmbrook); Michael Phillips (West Bend Sunrise); Mary Beth Seiser (West Bend Sunrise); Barb Senn (Fond du Lac Morning); Nancy Slinde (West Bend Sunrise); and District Rotary Foundation Chair Steen Sanderhoff.

Respectfully submitted
Jeffrey G. Reed

APPENDIX 1 2023-24 DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS

2023-24 District Grants

RID 6270 DG2453662

Club	Project	Activity or Project Category	Activity or Project Type	Primary Beneficiary	Location	Activity description	Approved	Total Spent
Elkhorn	Operation Warm Coats for Kids	Community Development	Economically disadvantaged	Children/ youth	Elkhorn, WI, USA	Provide 200 high-quality, machine-washable winter coats to children in need within the Elkhorn Area School District. Local partners and volunteers will add winter gloves, mittens and hats.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Elmbrook	Guatemala Literacy Project	Community Development	Construction / renovation	Economically disadvantaged	Guatemala	Purchase building materials for new houses for families in Guatemala. Team of Rotarians, spouses, family and friends will be on site in Antigua, Guatemala for construction of one complete house and panels for a second. Partner with Common Hope, Inc.	3,000.00	\$0.00 (cancelled)
Fond du Lac Morning / Evening	Mirrors, Windows, Sliding Glass Doors	Education	Literacy	Children/ youth	Fond du Lac, WI, USA	Provide diversity-themed books for elementary school classroom libraries to enable students to: See themselves in the stories they read (mirrors), See how other young people have different kinds of experiences (windows), Imagine what it is like to live the experiences that other kids have (sliding glass doors)	3,000.00	\$3,000
Hartford	ADA Compliant Fishing Pier	Environment	Conservation	Disabled	Hartford, WI, USA	Install an ADA compliant fishing pier on the Rubicon River adjacent to the Rotary Gazebo Park.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Lake Geneva	Save the Monarchs	Environment	Conservation	Wildlife/ animals	Lake Geneva, WI, USA	Create a Monarch Habitat Garden as a way to participate in efforts to "save the Monarchs" across the Americas.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Manitowoc-Sunrise	Car Seats for The Crossing	Community Development	Safety/Emergency preparedness	Economically disadvantaged	Manitowoc, WI, USA	Support The Crossing with their "Babies Ride Safe" program. Provide a nice, comfortable, car seat for their children to families struggling with poverty.	3,000.00	\$3,000

Milwaukee Amigos	Displacement , M.H & Wellbeing Arts for Recovery	Community Development	General	Refugees/ displaced people	Milwaukee, WI, USA	Provide an art-centered program to a cohort group of young refugee women and girls from across local refugee communities. Aid in adjusting to a new life in a new country, in particular for those who have experienced trauma. Participants create a chapbook or anthology that will feature their artwork and writing as a way to empower them and build their self-esteem and confidence.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Milwaukee North Sunrise	Christmas with Dignity	Community Development	General	Economically disadvantaged	Milwaukee, WI, USA	Provide toys, books, clothes, hats and gloves for families to select, purchase, pay for and wrap at a fraction of the real cost.	3,000.00	\$2,393
Milwaukee Rotaract	Interchange Food Pantry support	Community Development	Food/hunger	Economically disadvantaged	Milwaukee, WI, USA	Purchase healthy food to be distributed to Interchange Food Pantry guests (low-income families) a few times during the year.	1,500.00	\$1,500
Mitchell Field (Milwaukee)	Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Community Development	Food/hunger	Economically disadvantaged	Milwaukee, WI, USA	Provide baskets of food that contain items for a Thanksgiving Dinner for 50 needy families in the Cudahy, Oak Creek and South Milwaukee Communities. Partner with long established food pantries.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Mukwonago	Ash Borer Response	Environment	Restoration / conservation	General Population	Mukwonago, WI, USA	Plant twenty trees in response to the loss of urban forest due to infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer	2,980.00	\$2,980
Neenah	Police Dept Community Bike Patrol	Community Development	Public Safety	General Population	Neenah, WI, USA	Purchase an electronic bike for the Neenah Police Dept. This will allow bike officers to patrol the streets, the parks, and the trails, and develop trusting relationships between NPD and members of the community, and to mingle with the public.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Oshkosh	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Community Development	General	Economically disadvantaged	Oshkosh, WI, USA	Build 250 beds for children in the Oshkosh community who do not have a bed of their own. (Partner with Oshkosh Southwest Rotary)	3,000.00	\$3,000
Oshkosh Southwest	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Community Development	General	Economically disadvantaged	Oshkosh, WI, USA	Build 250 beds for children in the Oshkosh community who do not have a bed of their own. (Partner with Oshkosh Rotary)	3,000.00	\$3,000

Plymouth	Community Memory Kits	Community Development	General	Elderly	Plymouth, WI, USA	Purchase Relish Kits and Stay Sharp Kits for the community. Stay Sharp assists the aging population with challenging activities to keep their mind sharp. Relish Kits are designed for early, mid stage and late stage dementia to keep those living with dementia engaged. Memory Care reading materials supporting the Caregiver of those living with the Dementia.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Port Washington-Saukville	New/Refurbished Outdoor Volleyball Court with Public Access	Community Development	Sports / recreation / playground	General Population	Port Washington, WI, USA	Refurbish a volleyball field for public access in the Upper Lake Park of Port Washington to make Volleyball accessible for everybody and get different generations together in an outdoor sport.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Racine Founder's	Family Literacy Program	Education	Literacy		Racine, WI, USA	Serve up to 30 families at the Racine Public Library; 10 at a Community Oriented Policing (COP) House in Racine; 10 at the library in Burlington, WI (Racine County); and 10 at the library in Waterford (Racine). Goal is to lift the entire family's literacy skills.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Sheboygan	School Dental Hygiene Kits	Health	Dental	Children/youth	Sheboygan, WI, USA	Purchase and assemble the supplies for dental hygiene kits to be distributed during the '23-'24 school year to children who visit Lakeshore Community Healthcare (LCHC) school dental program. Program focuses on serving children from low-income families and cares for students with or without insurance.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Sheboygan Early Birds	Computers for Rural H.S. in Pantla Gro., MX	Education	Computers / digital literacy / technology	Students	Mexico	Purchase/install 10 computers at a small rural high school (ages 15-18) that serves children from a lower socio-economic community.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Two Rivers	STEM Maker Space	Education	Computers / digital literacy / technology	Students	Two Rivers, WI, USA	Offer activities to engage youth of all ages when they visit Lester Public Library in Two Rivers, WI, to enhance the STEM Youth Maker Space. Purchase materials, assemble furniture, and stage the interactive area.	3,000.00	\$3,000
Waukesha	Amphitheater Revitalization	Community Development	Restoration / conservation	Children/youth	Waukesha, WI, USA	Revitalize and rebuild an amphitheater area at Chinook Program Center, a local Girl Scout camp in Waukesha.	3,000.00	\$3,000

Wautoma	American Legion WWII Memorial Renovation	Community Development	Construction / renovation	Veterans	Wautoma, WI, USA	Select and purchase suitable replacement tables, chairs and other furnishings to refurbish and revitalize the Veterans WWII Memorial building in Wautoma. Partner with Wautoma American Legion Post 317 and the Wautoma Chamber of Commerce.	3,000.00	
								\$3,000
West Allis	Operation Warm Coats for W.A. Schools	Community Development	Economically disadvantaged	Economically disadvantaged	West Allis, WI, USA	Provide 150 new winter coats for youth in the West Allis School District to children in need. Additionally, augment Operation Warm coats with hats, scarves, and mittens.	3,000.00	
								\$3,000
West Bend (Noon)	Neighborhood Playground Imp.	Community Development	Sports / recreation / playground	Children/ youth	West Bend, WI, USA	Purchase and construct playground equipment addition to a city neighborhood park. (Partner with West Bend Sunrise Rotary)	3,000.00	
								\$3,000
West Bend Sunrise	Playground Improvement	Community Development	Sports / recreation / playground	Children/ youth	West Bend, WI, USA	Purchase and construct playground equipment addition to a city neighborhood park. (Partner with West Bend Noon Rotary)	3,000.00	
								\$3,000
Whitnall Park	Operation Warm - Coats for Kids	Community Development	Economically disadvantaged		Whitnall Park, WI USA	Provide 100 new winter jackets for students of the Whitnall School District. Coats will be purchased through Operation Warm.	3,000.00	
								\$2,579
Total Grants to Clubs								\$72,452
RYE Scholarship	Ava Wade	Outbound to Brazil	Transferred funds to RID 6270 Youth Exchange Committee account					\$2,260
Total Spent on Grants								\$74,711.82

Number of Apps	26
Total Grants Requested	\$76,480
Requested from TRF	\$76,830
Spent on Grants to Clubs	\$72,451.82
RYE Scholarship Transfer	\$2,260
Expenses	34.68
Total Spent	\$74,747
Returned to TRF	\$2,083.50