

Project Description

This is a General description of the Grant project. Outline in detail the humanitarian need your project will address, the intent of the project, how the project will be implemented, and how Rotarians will be directly involved in the project. Note that the Estimated budget is only the initial grant request amount; to outline details on the various budget items, including those from other funding sources, go to the Budget tab.

Grant Project: Appliances for Laredo Humanitarian Relief Efforts

Primary Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Laredo Daybreak

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Project Total Budget: \$3,500.00

Grant Budget: \$3,500.00

Project Expected Income: \$5,000.00

Grant Expected Income: \$2,500.00

General Description

Describe the project and the problem or need it will address, including the intended beneficiaries and how the project will benefit the community in need. Provide the estimated length of time needed to complete the project.

The project is a humanitarian relief project to assist the Holding Institute Community Center (in Laredo, Texas) by purchasing needed appliances (such as washers and dryers) and other related necessities that serve to provide basic living services for Central American immigrants entering the United States through the Texas-Mexico border and others in similar situations who find themselves at the Holding Institute Community Center (in Laredo, Texas). The Holding Institute Community Center currently has no washers and dryers to meet the needs of those it is serving, and may be in need of replacing other appliances, such as a refrigerator, a stove/range, and an over-range

microwave.

More than 1,000 persons, mostly women and children have been served by the humanitarian relief team in Laredo, Texas since the last week of May 2014 – through the Holding Institute Community Center (Holding Institute) and others partners; however, they continue to have a challenge in providing a means to clean clothes to help improve and enhance the health of the persons it is serving. The Holding Institute serves as the central hub for immigrants to shower, receive a change of clothes, and receive a care travel bag with hygiene supplies and snacks. Although the influx has decreased, the individuals and families continue to seek help and are being served by the Holding Institute. The influx and need is expected to last over the long-term for these individuals, as well as similarly situated persons in the community who seek the services of the Holding Institute.

Because Holding Institute is responding to an unexpected crisis, the Holding Institute is in need of purchasing appliances, such as washers and dryers, as well as possibly updating other appliances that are helping to serve the needs of the individuals seeking the Holding Institute's assistance. Center volunteers and staff use the facilities/appliances regularly with the current demand for services. Limited meals are prepared daily, while clothes and shower towels are currently being washed at a temporary trailer being provided by the Texas Baptists Men. The appliances are expected to serve hundreds of immigrants in the community over several years of service.

The needed appliances (washers and dryers) will be purchased immediately upon funding being received with the intention that the funds be utilized to purchase economical/high capacity and quality appliances and necessary items related thereto.

Community Assessment & Impact

Describe how the benefiting community has been determined and what impact will be made by this project after grant funding has been fully expended.

The Holding Institute was chosen based on the humanitarian endeavor it has undertaken and based on the needs it has demonstrated in regards to the washers and dryers and related items necessary to meet its humanitarian efforts. This project will provide the Holding Institute with the necessary equipment to provide a proper change of clothes to those it is assisting without needing to utilize a temporary trailer. This will expedite its efforts and also provide the individuals the Holding Institute is assisting with quicker access to clean clothes that will further enhance the health of the individuals receiving help.

Sustainability

Please explain the plan on how to maintain this project for a long period of time.

The Holding Institute will continue to serve the humanitarian needs of the community into the future. This present situation has brought forth the pressing need in the community to have a central location for dealing with this type of humanitarian effort. As this humanitarian crisis reduces in size, this project will help place the Holding Institute in a position to meet future similar and related efforts of the community. The appliances to be provided will be utilized to the fullest extent possible and the Holding Institute will work to maintain same in good working condition as their goal is to have these appliances for the long term.

Implementation Plan

Describe specific activities of the sponsoring club and any partners in implementing the project. What will the Rotarians who are members of the partner clubs do during the project? Please note that financial support is not considered active involvement.

The Laredo Daybreak Rotary in coordination with the Holding Institute Community Center (in Laredo, Texas) will be assessing the needs of the Holding Institute and develop a plan to purchase the necessary and proper washers and dryers, which the Holding Institute is presently lacking at their Center. The Laredo Daybreak Rotary has a committee of at least 3 Rotarians presently reviewing the quotes for appliances in an effort to oversee the expenditure of funds. The Laredo Daybreak Rotary will implement the project in coordination with the Holding Institute and will work to ensure that the Holding Institute in taking ownership of the appliances will utilize same for the needs of the community (present immigrant crisis). The Laredo Daybreak Rotary, The Laredo Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Laredo Under Seven Flags will be involved in the purchase and delivery of the appliances and related items the Holding Institute advises it is in most need of (presently washers & dryers). We will coordinate and organize meetings with local officials and the Holding Institute for delivery of the items and work to promote same with the media, the club as well as the district. In addition, the Rotary Clubs will work together to assist the Holding Institute in installing and utilizing the equipment to serve the needs of those receiving assistance at the Center.

Expected Expenses

List all anticipated expenses for this project, including those that will be funded outside of the District grant portion.

Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
Two (2) Dryers Purchase	Home Depot, Lowe's or Best Buy	USD	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Appliance Warranty -- 3 year for each	Home Depot, Lowe's or Best Buy	USD	\$800.00	\$800.00
Detergent and related items	Sam's Club	USD	\$500.00	\$500.00
Two (2) Washers Purchase	Home Depot, Lowe's or Best Buy	USD	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
			Total:	\$5,000.00

Expected Income

List all anticipated income for this project, including funds that will be contributed by the club, other partners and the District grant portion.

Description	Funding Source	Amount	%
The Rotary Club of Laredo Under Seven Flags	Club/Other	\$500.00	10.00 %
The Laredo Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$500.00	10.00 %
Laredo Daybreak Rotary	Club/Other	\$1,500.00	30.00 %
District Grant	District Grant	\$2,500.00	50.00 %
		Total:	\$5,000.00 100.00 %

Local Club Partners

List any partnering clubs within the District. Note that only one grant application needs to be made by the main sponsoring club.

Club	Contact Name	Contribution
The Laredo Rotary Club	Juan Lira	500.00
Rotary Club of Laredo-Under Seven Flags	Steven Gutierrez	500.00

Cooperating Organizations

Explanation: Cooperating Organizations are any other groups or organizations (other than partnering Rotary clubs) that are working with the sponsoring club in either funding or implementing the project.

The Holding Institute Community Center (in Laredo, Texas) has provided a request letter, which is attached to this grant. They will be responsible for receiving the appliances and related items and utilizing same to serve the persons receiving assistance at their center. The Holding Institute will be working in collaboration with the Rotarians to obtain the appliances (first needed washers and dryers) that best suit their economic/high capacity needs as well as work within the dimensions and utility outlets of the Center. The appropriate appliances will be purchased upon funding.