

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:	Odyssey After Schools Kid's Garden Project
Primary Sponsoring Club:	Rotary Club of Rockport
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Project Total Budget:	\$2,940.37
Grant Budget:	\$2,940.37
Project Expected Income:	\$2,940.37
Grant Expected Income:	\$1,470.18

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.

See Memorandum of Understanding between applicant and District 5930

The Odyssey After School Enrichment Program, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit, non-sectarian, community-based organization, was created in 2003 to provide a safe after school environment where children receive tutoring and homework assistance while benefiting from extensive academic and enrichment activities. Most of the young children attending Odyssey After School are from single parent families or families where both parent works, therefore it provides supervision, educational and recreational activities to these children who would otherwise likely be home alone after school. Over 60% of the children are from limited income families and receive reduced low income tuition fees at 17% of full tuition price. Odyssey After School has a limited budget to provide educational, recreational materials and supplies to the young children who attend the after school program. The donation to create a garden will expand the awareness of the children to fresh garden produce, which many are not exposed to by participating in the actual process of gardening, harvesting, and composting. The project will even include the cooking and preparation of produce grown for their enjoyment and nutrition.

The actual purchasing and delivery of the garden infrastructure will occur in late September 2015 in time for the fall planting season in Rockport. The Grant Budget

includes funds to purchase plants and seeds for both the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 planting.

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 benefiting community includes all residents of Aransas County by providing a wholesome and educational gardening experience to the children attending Odyssey After School. The majority of these children are from limited income families and are rarely exposed to good nutrition and healthy eating. This program provides exposure to that healthy eating lifestyle and possibly life changing attitudes towards food which through the years will benefit the entire community. The placement of a bench in the garden will allow students, parents and employees of Aransas County School District a place to sit and appreciate the garden. A bronze plaque will be placed on the bench acknowledging District 5930 and Rockport Rotary for its donation along with the Rotary Logo and Year 2015/16. Rockport Rotary will ask the Rockport Fulton Chamber of Commerce to assist with a ribbon cutting when the fall 2015 planting is complete. Local City & County officials, Aransas County Independent School Superintendent and Board Members along with the local press and Chamber members will be invited to the ribbon cutting.

Sustainability

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

Once the garden infrastructure is completed the nonprofit Odyssey After School will budget the purchase of plants and seeds in their annual budget for future years. Aransas County Master Gardeners will continue volunteering on a weekly basis to teach the children how to maintain their garden. Over 110 students, grades K-6 will be impacted and benefit from their garden education of planting, harvesting, cooking the yield for snacks and composting the waste for many years to come.

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.

Rotary Club members will go to area stores and wholesalers to purchase the garden supplies and age appropriate library reference books pertaining to nutrition, gardening, harvesting, composting and cooking and deliver them to the Odyssey After School location. The book list will be compiled by Odyssey After Schools Executive Director, Jessica Picarazzi who will submit the list of books after the grant is approved with a budget not to exceed \$500. Rockport Rotary Members will assist with the install of the garden bench, laying ground cover, spreading rock on the paths, transporting soil to the garden area and placing the books in the OAS library. These tasks will be set up as a Service Project for our club with hopes of having at least 50% of members participate in the initial setup and our club will continue working on the garden in the future as a continuation of our service project. Rockport Rotary member Stephenie Cochran, a certified Professional Landscaper with a Bachelor's degree in plant and soil science will coordinate and oversee the project.

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
Bronze Plaque for bench	Gemini	USD	\$47.19	\$47.19
Garden Soil - Wholesale price	Creative Solutions	USD	\$480.00	\$480.00
Lumber for fruit tree planters	Creative Solutions	USD	\$150.00	\$150.00
Recycled Plastic Bench in Green	Rockport's Comforts of Home	USD	\$739.60	\$739.60
Lirbrary Books pertaining to gardening/nutrition	Amazon.com	USD	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rocks for pathways - Wholesale price	Creative Solutions	USD	\$480.00	\$480.00
Cedar Mulch	Creative Solutions	USD	\$140.58	\$140.58
100 Plants for Fall, 100 Plants for Spring & Seeds- Wholesale price	Creative Solutins	USD	\$265.00	\$265.00

Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
Fabric Ground Cover - Wholesale Price	Creative Solutions	USD	\$138.00	\$138.00
			Total:	\$2,940.37

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	%
Rockport Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$1,470.19	50.00 %
District Grant 50% match	District Grant	\$1,470.18	50.00 %
		Total:	\$2,940.37 100.00 %

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.

There's no Sponsoring Clubs specified for this application.

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.

San Patricio/Aransas County Master Gardeners, a division of AgriLife Extension Services of Texas A&M University will assist with building the fruit box frames, planting, watering, weeding and harvesting of the garden. Aransas County Independent Schools provides the building and grounds that house Odyssey After Schools and their designated garden area.