

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: Outdoor Educational/Training Pavilion for la Posada Providencia
Primary Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Harlingen Sunburst
Contact: Palmer, Charles
Date Submitted: Jul 23, 2015 at 9:04 AM
Project Total Budget: \$9,684.44
Grant Budget: \$9,684.44
Project Expected Income: \$9,684.44
Grant Expected Income: \$4,842.22

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

Rotary District 5930 Grant Application

1. Harlingen Sunburst Rotary Club #2074 would like to serve the community by constructing an Outdoor Educational / Training Pavilion for la Posada Providencia in San Benito, Texas which is in the adjacent town to Harlingen. It will be used by clients, volunteers and staff for outdoor educational and training classes, performances and other outdoor activities. The Pavilion will be actually built by Sunburst Rotary Men and Women Club members and perspective new members under the direction of carpenter Jimmy Vasquez and under oversight from engineer David V. Day P.E., C.W.I.

Currently there is not a space large enough to gather the 30 plus clients all at one time. When groups of volunteers come to do work for la Posada again there is not ample space to

instruct everyone at the same time, especially if the clients and staff gather with the group of volunteers.

We became aware of the need from la Posada staff member Sister Zita Telkamp who has been an active member in Sunburst Rotary for years.

1. 2.Sunburst Rotary along with it's partners,

The Rotary Club of San Benito

Harlingen North Rotary Club

Harlingen Rotary Club

Friends of la Posada Providencia

Treasure Hills Presbyterian Church

Will provide volunteers to construct the 20-foot by 30 foot

(Size of 3 car parking spaces) with the supervision and guidance of professional builder Jimmy Vasquez of Harlingen, Texas. Jimmy and his assistant will be provided a minimal stipend for their expertise and work and they will donate the other time needed and Club volunteers will assist them.

2. 3.The Sunburst Club motto for the year is “Service with Fellowship and Purpose”

What better way to develop relationships in the club and with perspective new members than to do a hands on Service project side by side. We will strive to use this project as an outreach tool to attract new members who are especially interested in community Service and as a PR tool thru the local newspaper the Valley Morning Star, our clubs Facebook and Twitter accounts and possible local TV news coverage. Also our club’s weekly color

e-mail Newsletter will provide photographs and status reports. We email this newsletter to Club Members, key community leaders, and perspective new members.

Location of outdoor Pavilion

la Providencia
1610 Marydale Road
San Benito, TX 78586

La Posada, founded and served by the Sisters of Divine Providence is a non profit tax exempt organization for people in Crisis from more than 70 Countries around the world who are seeking legal refuge in this country, The shelter staff and volunteers provide a safe and welcoming home; mentors to promote self sufficiency and cultural integration.

At la Posada instructional and training on English literacy, outdoor gardening skills, life skills education and financial training is provided to assist clients to more readily achieve self-sufficiency financially, educationally and culturally. They strive to improve basic education and literacy. The outdoor pavilion space will be available to all the above educational training events as well as social and cultural performances in which all clients, staff and volunteers would assemble together in this new large enough space.

All the work of la Posada is legal. The federal Immigration and Naturalization Service (I N S) agents after processing the individuals or mothers with children release them until their court case date to la Posada because these clients are homeless. They have no family or friends to go to live with. I N S agents literally drop them off in their Van. However I N S does not provide any funding to la Posada. They arrive at la Posada's 24 / 7 Emergency Shelter with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing and hope in their pockets. The census runs anywhere from 16-35 and since 1989 more than 7,500 people in crisis have stayed at la Posada.

Sister Zita, member of Sunburst Rotary Club, readily and often tells the club of new arrivals and their stories and the census count and their needs at the homeless shelter. She, her board and staff are over joyed to think of an outdoor educational and performance pavilion. Both Sister Zita and Sister Margaret Mertens (who attends our meetings regularly in Sister Zita's place) have been in constant consultation with their board and with our executive committee about this project.

Co- Sponsors of the Grant Request and Project

The following other Rotary Clubs have given their endorsement and offered their help in the construction of the Pavilion.

\$50 San Benito Club

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\$50 Treasure Hills Presbyterian Church

Each of the Clubs have signed a co- sponsorship letter, which gives their Club and Boards support and they have given a monetary gift to the grant request. They will all be invited to participate at any level with the actual build project with volunteers.

Treasure Hills Presbyterian Church also has given \$50 towards the Service Project and will invite members to volunteer in any capacity with the build.

Areas of RI Focus

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Clients seeking peaceful outcomes to their lives because they are fleeing physical and even threat of death, persecution, extreme poverty, famine and war.

Basic Education and Literacy

The project provides needed space for volunteers and staff to gather clients together for training and instruction to improve their education so they can manage better in a new culture and be taught English

Economic

Again space to instruct them in financial training and cultural training so they are more likely to find a job and be self-sufficient in the future.

Pavilion Planning Committee

Tim Elliott President Elect Sunburst
Sister Zita Telkamp Sunburst member and Director of la Posada Homeless Shelter
Charlie Palmer President Sunburst

Public Relations

Marcia Kitten Sunburst secretary
Jim Wooten Sunburst past President

Fiscal Oversight Committee

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Budget

Income

Income from donations to Sunburst	\$230
Other Rotary Clubs Support	<u>\$200</u>
	\$430

Sunburst Rotary Club	\$1012.22
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Sunburst Rotary Club's Drive 4 UR Community Fund Raiser (Flyer included)	\$3400
SUB TOTAL OF \$ RAISED	\$4842.22

GRANT REGUEST	<u>\$4842.22</u>
Total Project Cost	\$9684.44

Expenses

\$5300 cost of materials that carpenter itemized out (which includes tax) but since Sunburst's tax exempt status was reinstated (IRS letter attached) we can subtract \$400 of that cost

treated lumber and roof Materials	\$4900
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labor carpenter and his assistant but they will donate the rest of the time needed	\$1000
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6 outdoor ceiling fans with lights	\$894
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40 commercial grade folding chairs from SAMS	\$1159.80
3- 8' commercial grade folding tables	\$238.64
4 outdoor flood lights for corners and 4 outlets, switches and wiring (some wiring has been donated)	\$330
master certified Electrician Sam Uribe's labor	\$505
Windstorm Certificate and engineering & inspection	\$257
By David Day, P.E., C.W.I. drawings and engineering will be donated	
paint	\$200
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200</u>
TOTAL	\$9684.44

5. Timeline

October 1, 2015

Hopefully Grant Approval Received

Drive 4 UR Community check should have been received from Ford Motor Company out of Detroit (check takes 6-8 weeks from date of event which was July 11, 2015)

Final Meeting with la Posada Staff and Sunburst Pavilion Planning Committee will have been done (we will continue to meet with them during the actual build as well)

First 2 week of October

Once approval of funds then supplies will be purchased
Construction permit applied for (3-5 days wait from County)

By the start of November

the build will have started

By the end of November (unless delayed by weather)

Build completed
PR of build completed

Person who filled out the District Grant Application

Charlie Palmer Sunburst President

956-873-0067

TreasureHillsPC@sbcglobal.net

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.

Sisters Zita and Margaret have informed us of the need as well as Sunburst Club member Ev Driskill who is a la Posada board member. This pavilion will assist la Posada for many many years into the future.

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Sustainability

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

The la Posada board, of which Sunburst member Ev Driskill is a member, is in full support of this project and its director Sister Zeta who is in our club will both keep our club informed of maintenance needs of the Pavilion and our club has pledged its support to put a fresh coat of paint on it when needed. La Posada also has work groups coming in who are looking for projects and could do the painting as well.

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.

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Expected Expenses

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Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
labor for carpenter and his assistant but they will donate the rest of the time needed	Home Depot, McCoy's	USD	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4 outdoor flood lights for corners and 4 outlets, switches and wiring (some wiring has been donated)	Home Depot or McCoy's	USD	\$330.00	\$330.00
3 8foot commercial grade folding tables \$79.88 each	SAMS	USD	\$238.64	\$238.64

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Paint	Lowes or Home Depot	USD	\$200.00	\$200.00
miscellaneous, other things needed	Home Depot or Lowes or McCoy's	USD	\$200.00	\$200.00
Master Certified Electrician Sam Urrib's labor	electrician Sam Uribe	USD	\$505.00	\$505.00
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6 outdoor ceiling fans with lights	Home Depot or McCoy's	USD	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
40 commercial grad folding chairs 4 for \$115.98	lowes	USD	\$894.00	\$894.00
	SAMS	USD	\$1,159.80	\$1,159.80
			Total:	\$9,684.44

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	%
Other rotary Clubs support Hgn North Hgn San Benito	Club/Other	\$200.00	2.07 %
Income from donations to Sunburst for this project	Club/Other	\$230.00	2.37 %
Sunburst Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$1,012.22	10.45 %

Description	Funding Source	Amount	%
proceeds from Sunburst Rotary's fund raiser DRIVE 4 UR Community held July 11, 2015 with 170 drives	Club/Other	\$3,400.00	35.11 %
Amount being requested in District Grant	District Grant	\$4,842.22	50.00 %
	Total:	\$9,684.44	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
Rotary Club of Harlingen	Chris Bartnesky	100.00
Rotary Club of North Harlingen	Blas Cantu	50.00
Rotary Club of San Benito	Henry Lopez	50.00

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.

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