

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: Raising rabbits for food & income in Nepal
Primary Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Kingsville
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Project Total Budget: \$10,131.00
Grant Budget: \$10,131.00
Project Expected Income: \$10,000.00
Grant Expected Income: \$5,000.00

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.

See Memorandum of Understanding between applicant and District 5930

Mr. Ujjwal Chapagain of the Himalayan Rabbit Farm, founded in 2012, will provide training and materials to fifty farmers in Nepal to raise rabbits for food and income. Rabbit raising is a highly cost effective and relatively simple means to these ends. The project is extraordinarily important in the context of the April 2015 earthquake, which killed some 10,000 people and caused enormous damage to homes, farms, schools and other facilities. The project will be supervised by the nearby Rotary Club of Tripureswor, as described in their letter of participation. Rabbit project expert Dr. Steven Lukefahr of Texas A&M University-Kingsville has been providing technical support to Mr. Chapagain for the last six months. The project is jointly supported by the Rotary Club of Kingsville, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Kingsville, and the Rotary Club of Burnet.

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.

Malnutrition is a major problem in rural Nepal. (See <http://www.npcs.org/np/nutrition.html>) According to government statistics, 24% of women are malnourished; 13% of children under five years are wasting, 39% are underweight and 49% are stunting. This was before the April 25, 2015 earthquake. The Rotary rabbit project will not only provide rabbit stock and training to 50 small farmers. It will also create awareness of the nutritional benefits of rabbit meat and assure a market for surplus meat which may be sold. Families will establish organic vegetable gardens, using manure from rabbits. Sales of vegetables will increase income; eating the vegetables will improve health. There will be substantial direct benefits to fifty farm families. Important indirect benefits will include improved school attendance for children whose health has improved, increased supplies of affordable meat and vegetables in local markets, and increased sales in stores as farmers' incomes increase. The target area includes the 13 districts where over 98% of houses were destroyed and hundreds of cattle were lost.

Sustainability

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

This project is highly sustainable for the following reasons: 1) farmers will receive practical, hands-on training in rabbit production, management and fodder production; 2) follow-up visits will ensure that projects are successfully completed; 3) the most successful producers will be hired as technical supervisors on subsequent projects; 4) fodder production will be encouraged; 5) locally available materials will be used for rabbit hutch construction; 5) each farmer will be required to give the first offspring rabbits at three months to the project for distribution to the next group of farmers; 6) a market for rabbit meat already exists and a transportation system and sales strategy already exists 7) farmers have every incentive to succeed.

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.

If Rotary District 5930 approves a grant of US\$5,000, the rabbit project in Nepal will be fully funded at US\$10,000. These funds will be transferred on a quarterly basis to a separate bank account set up by the Rotary Club of Tripureswol, whose President is Mr. Manish Ghiraiya. Transfers of funds will be subject to decisions of an Approval Committee consisting of three members of the Rotary club of Tripureswol (Manish Ghiraiya, PE Bijay Sainju and Rajendra Krishna Shrestha), two members of the Rotary Club of Kingsville (Mike Fountaine and Richard Hartwig), and one member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Kingsville (Sonja Daghlis). The Rotary Club of Tripureswor will develop criteria for, and participate in, the selection of farmers so that benefits will go to those most in need. They will interact with the

local community and with local cooperatives. They will monitor hutch construction and the development of fodder planting. They will maintain expenditure records and receipts and will promote the project in the district and in local media. The final report will be written by the Rotary Club of Kingsville. Additional technical advice and support will be provided via e-mail by Professor Steven Lukefahr of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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
Stationeries - Publication of booklet - rabbit farming		USD	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies and Equipment - Promotion for rabbit meat marketing (publication, meat tasting event)		USD	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Meetings - Lunch during meetings for 50 people for 28 days at \$0.70 a person		USD	\$980.00	\$980.00
Training and Consultation - Monitoring hutch construction 2 days at \$30 a day		USD	\$60.00	\$60.00
Transportation and Communication - Motorcycle fuel and telephone bill at		USD	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00

Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
LS \$60 a month for 18 months Training and Consultation - Manure management training - 4 days at \$40 a day		USD	\$160.00	\$160.00
Training and Consultation - Fodder management training 8 days at \$25 a day		USD	\$200.00	\$200.00
Contingencies at % 10		USD	\$921.00	\$921.00
Supplies and Equipment - Material for hutch contrustion 50 farmers* at \$25		USD	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Stationeries - Markers, cardboard papers		USD	\$100.00	\$100.00
Stationeries - Photocopy papers, print refills, pens and diaries at LS \$200		USD	\$200.00	\$200.00
Training and Consultation - Field Facilitator 24 days in 12 months at \$20 a day		USD	\$480.00	\$480.00
Training and Consultation - Rabbit trainer for 16 days at \$40 a day		USD	\$640.00	\$640.00
Training and Consultation - Field survey		USD	\$160.00	\$160.00

Description (baseline & after implementation 16 days at \$10 a day Supplies and Equipment - Rabbit breed 50* 4 breed rabbits at \$15	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
		USD	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
			Total:	\$10,131.00

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	%
Burnet Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$1,000.00	10.00 %
Kingsville Sunrise Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$1,500.00	15.00 %
Kingsville Noon Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$2,500.00	25.00 %
\$5,000 from District	District Grant	\$5,000.00	50.00 %
Total:		\$10,000.00	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.

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.

The Rotary Club of Kingsville, Texas has pledged US\$2,500 and is the primary sponsor of the project. It accepts responsibility for reporting purposes. The Sunrise Rotary club of Kingsville has pledged US\$1,500 toward the project. The Rotary Club of Burnet has pledged US\$1,000. The Rotary Club of Tripureswor, Nepal (Club #60878 RID 3292 Nepal-Bhutan) has agreed to supervise the project, maintain records and collect receipts. (See their letter of participation.) Ujjwal Chapagain's Himalayan Rabbit farm is the implementing organization. Ujjwal is a business entrepreneur and experienced rabbit raiser.

Acknowledgement: No material will be purchased from any Rotarians or friends/family members of a Rotarian.