

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: Webb County Larga Vista Community Center Library
Primary Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Laredo Gateway
Contact: Owen, Clema
Date Submitted: Jul 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM
Project Total Budget: \$1,500.00
Grant Budget: \$1,500.00
Project Expected Income: \$1,500.00
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General Description

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See Memorandum of Understanding between applicant and District 5930

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Summary:

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Problem/Need Addressed; Intended Beneficiaries; Quantifiable Reach

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Rotary Recognition

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Provide the estimated length of time needed to complete the project.

Laredo Gateway Rotary will need an estimated ONE MONTH to complete the project, but will work with Larga Vista Community Center to schedule more than one service project where Gateway Rotary members read, tutor, and mentor children of Larga Vista.

Community Assessment & Impact

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The Laredo Gateway Rotary Board approved a request from the Webb County Community Center at Larga Vista to provide support for the Kids Café and Library programs. The Larga Vista Community Center is a place where families in underprivileged areas can go for assistance in many different areas, including utilities such as light, water, and gas, hot meals Monday through Friday, medical assistance, and food bags for qualifying residents. Laredo Gateway Rotary helps support the community center in its basic educational efforts.

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The number of children and adults who will be able to benefit from the additional tables and chairs will increase the amount of needy who will have access to after-school meals, basic education, and ESL and GED classes.

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Sustainability

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The Library at the Larga Vista Community Center has been in operation since 2006 and has operated under the same furniture since that time.

Laredo Gateway Rotary plans to observe and monitor, on at least an semi-annual basis, the tables and chairs that will be donated as part of this project. The tables and chairs were chosen for easy storage and durability, in the hopes that they will last for a significant amount of time.

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Laredo Gateway Rotary will hold a presentation day, to be presented as a Rotary Day, to present the tables and chairs to the Larga Vista Community Center. Sponsoring club members, through the service committee, will work to purchase the tables and chairs, and will work to place the Laredo Gateway Rotary logo on the donated tables and chairs. Laredo Gateway Rotary will also post a large banner with its own logo, this year's "Be a Gift to the World" theme and District 5930, on the banner.

Gateway Rotary will present the tables and chairs at a Rotary Day, which will be a service project to read, tutor, and mentor the students of Larga Vista. Gateway Rotary will also work to schedule these service projects at least once a semester. Club members will present the tables and chairs, and spend a morning or afternoon - depending on the community center schedule - reading, tutoring, and mentoring the children who utilize the Library and Kids' Café.

The implementation project date will depend upon receipt of the District Grant funds, and can be scheduled before the end of 2015. A service project will be scheduled as a spring back to school event in January 2016, so that members can read with, tutor, and mentor the children of the Larga Vista area.

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
Mainstays 8-ft Fold-In-Half Table (3)	Wal-Mart	USD	\$179.91	\$179.91
Laredo Gateway Rotary Logo Mainstays	Indoff, Inc.	USD	\$264.89	\$264.89
Folding Chairs (40)	Wal-Mart	USD	\$755.20	\$755.20
Laredo Gateway Rotary District 5930 President Theme Banner	Indoff, Inc.	USD	\$300.00	\$300.00
			Total:	\$1,500.00

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	%
Laredo Gateway Rotary Contribution	Club/Other	\$500.00	33.33 %
District Grant Funds	District Grant	\$1,000.00	66.67 %
	Total:	\$1,500.00	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

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Yes, the Larga Vista Community Center, along with Webb County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina is working with Laredo Gateway Rotary to implement the project. The contact information for the Director is below.

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