

Rotary Club of Ithaca, NY, USA

International Service Project Application – 2026–27 Peacebuilding Grants

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers who unite to tackle the world's most persistent challenges. Through service, collaboration, and innovation, Rotary builds international relationships, improves lives, and strengthens communities. Our peacebuilding work focuses on cultivating attitudes, institutions, and systems that support stable, resilient, and peaceful societies.

Call for International Service Projects

The Rotary Club of Ithaca invites club members, community organizations, and Rotary clubs across District 7180 to propose international projects that make a meaningful, measurable difference. Eligible projects must take place outside the United States and align with Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding for the 2026–27 International Service Peacebuilding Grants.

Rotary International Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting changes across the globe, in our communities, and within ourselves.

Rotary International Areas of Focus for Peace Building

[Ending Polio](#) | [Promoting Peace](#) | [Fighting Disease](#) | [Providing Clean Water](#) | [Supporting Education](#) | [Improving Maternal & Child Health](#) | [Growing Local Economies](#) | [Protecting the Environment](#) | [Disaster Response](#)

Purpose of International Service Grants

International Service grants support small-scale, short-term initiatives that address community-identified needs outside the United States. Projects should be developed with direct involvement from the beneficiary community. Grant funds may not be used for operating expenses of another organization.

Eligible projects must:

- Advance peacebuilding in combination with any Rotary Area of Focus
- Have a Rotary connection and/or a Tompkins County–based project champion
- Demonstrate community partnership and local engagement

Projects are evaluated on:

- Long-term sustainability beyond initial funding
- Clear, measurable outcomes tied to Rotary’s Areas of Focus
- Strengthened partnerships with Rotary and/or local communities
- Potential to leverage additional resources
- Success and learning from previous related projects
- Breadth of impact and number of beneficiaries (multiplier effect)

Funding Notes:

Project budgets may request partial or full funding. A limited number of grants between **\$2,000–\$5,000** may be awarded, depending on the Club’s fundraising success. Beneficiary organizations and project champions should be prepared to support messaging and fundraising outreach.

Projects are funded annually. Previous awardees must wait two-years before reapplying.

International Service Project Application

Please use the following application outline and answer each question with enough detail so that the Selection Committee fully understands what you plan to accomplish.

Applications (in a .doc or .pdf document) must be emailed by **September 20, 2026**, to ithacarotarysecretary@gmail.com.

For questions contact Ron Van Ormer with a call/text to (607) 592-1361. *Thank you!*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Title:

Project Start Date _____ **Completion Date** _____

Describe the project. Please provide specific and detailed information to explain the scope of community impact and the unmet needs this project will address. If possible, indicate how many people will be positively affected by the project. (add an attachment if necessary – your full application, not including appendices, attachments or budget information, should total no more than 3 pages)

Please specify how your project goals align with one or more of **Rotary International's Area of Focus for Peacebuilding as listed above**.

Summary. Please provide a summary (2-3 sentences) that describes the project and the benefit to the community.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT / NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Please outline how the need for this grant / project was identified; include documentation from benefiting organization(s).

TIMELINE / REPORTS

Provide project timeline highlighting plans for completion during a 12-month period. Include Project Updates to be reported every 2-3 months and submission of a final report and documentation of grant funds expended.

LEAD ORGANIZATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please detail how your organization and the local community will be involved with the project, including "hands-on" participation.

ROTARY and OTHER ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

Please detail how your organization has already partnered or plans to partner with Rotary and other organizations for fundraising and/or implementation of this project. Additionally, describe an organization involved in the project that can receive and manage grant funds, e.g. a local Rotary Club or 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

SUSTAINABILITY

Please outline how the project outcome is sustainable and what future benefits are anticipated.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY/MEDIA

How will Rotary be identified at the project site with proper branding? Please provide detailed communication /PR plan (attachments accepted).

BUDGET / FINANCING

Provide a Budget Worksheet identifying how the requested funds will be spent. Make sure the project income equals the estimated expenses. You may attach additional financial documents as needed. Your detailed budget must include:

Estimated breakdown of expenses.

Quotes for expenses, please include more than one.

Project income — funds/resources from all sources, e.g., the sponsoring organization, other organizations and donors

BUDGET SUMMARY

Contribution - Lead organization

Contribution - Participating organizations

Contribution - Other Sources

Grant Funds Requested (\$2000-\$5000)

Total Income

Total Expenses (total cost of project)

Minimum grant amount required to proceed with project:

REVENUE - identify sources	USD amount
• Rotary Club of Ithaca International Service grant (min. \$2,000 – max. \$5,000)	
• ...	
• ...	
Total Income	
EXPENSES - identify item/supplier	USD amount
• ...	
• ...	
• ...	
Total Expense	