

Rotary District 5970
Annual Assessment Report 2025-2026
District Foundation Grants Stewardship Committee
September 10, 2026

The Stewardship Committee has completed a financial assessment of the District 5970 Grant Program for fiscal year 2025-2026. The members of the Committee were DGE Dave Jenson, DGN Steve Benton, DGN-D Tami Hejlik, and District Secretary Suellen Kolbet.

The committee findings are as follows:

1. Thirteen clubs were approved for District Grant matching funds. All were found to be in compliance with the following exceptions:
 - Waverly Rotary stated in the final report that they have not received and paid for the signage for their project. The club has been contacted and they are looking into it.
 - Osage Rotary applied for a grant based on a project cost of \$5,917, but their actual project cost was \$4,947.33. They did not meet the 50/50 match requirement. They will be contacted to add additional items to their project to meet the requirement.
2. The total amount of District Grant Funds awarded for 2025-2026 was \$55,079. After reviewing transaction reports and the canceled checks, it was determined that the total amount awarded to District 5970 was dispersed correctly and properly accounted for by the District officials.
3. All grant related financial transactions were co-signed by Suellen Kolbet, District Foundation Treasurer, and Michelle Bell, District Foundation Chair.
4. The Committee reviewed all 13 grant applications.
5. In summary, the Stewardship Committee assessment of the 2025-2026 Grant Program finds no serious discrepancies and would like to commend the District Grants Committee for their diligence and persistence in holding all Rotary Club recipients of the 2025-2026 grants responsible for compliance with all grant policies and procedures of the Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee
DGE Dave Jenson (Algona)
DGN Steve Benton (Cedar Rapids Daybreak)
DGN-D Tami Hejlik (Webster City)
DES Suellen Kolbet (New Hampton)