

ROTARY CHARITIES GRANT SUMMARY

	CAPITAL	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY	PLANNING
DEADLINES	Spring: March 1 Fall: September 1	Spring: March 1	Spring: March 1	First of each month
AMOUNTS	Spring: up to \$99,000 Fall: \$100,000 +	Up to \$99,000	Year one: up to \$50,000 Year two: up to \$35,000 Year three: up to \$25,000	Up to \$5,000
ACTIVITIES FUNDED	Renovation, expansion or construction of needed community facilities or acquisition of property for public use	Programs that promote innovative, grass-roots approaches to community issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational development activities • New staff positions that are critical to building organizational, financial or leadership capacity • Collaboration, partnership or merger activities • Recommended strategies as they relate to building organizational capacity, effectiveness or efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>capacity building</u> activities such as strategic planning, organizational assessment and action planning • <u>program</u> research or planning • <u>or capital</u> project feasibility or planning
LENGTH OF REQUEST	One year only	Up to three years, subject to renewal in one-year increments	Up to three years, subject to renewal in one-year increments	One year only
MATCHING REQUIREMENT	Specific dollar amounts vary, but generally a condition of grant in the form of a Challenge Grant	Specific dollar amounts vary, but generally a condition of grant	Year one: 25% Year two: 50% Year three: 75%	25% of grant amount
KEY CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a wide range of the community • Be accessible to many people and designed for community use • Serve more than one organization (whenever possible) • Be cost-effective • Be responsive to current and future community needs • Be operationally sustainable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based on identified community needs • Have measurable outcomes • Demonstrate high impact • Be innovative • Preference will be given to proposals that are collaborative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to help nonprofit organizations improve their ability to fulfill their missions • Ensure the sustainability of an efficient and effective nonprofit system that is responsive to evolving community need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Charities will accept proposals to support planning that an organization must conduct in order to continue to effectively fulfill its mission. • Includes Organizational Capacity, Capital and Program Planning activities
KEY RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants will not support more than 50% of the total project cost. • Preference will be given to proposals that serve large numbers of the public or provide access to special needs populations. • Proposals submitted by school districts must be for projects that will benefit the entire school system and not just one individual building. • Grant requests for funds to acquire land for public use will generally only be considered after public funding is secured. • Generally funds will not be awarded for equipment or depreciating assets • Examples of unsupported areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing operating support ○ Endowment funds ○ Debt service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support continuation of fully developed existing programs will <u>not</u> be considered. • generally does not provide funding for the total program cost, preferring to partner with other funders whenever possible. • Examples of unsupported areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing operating support ○ Endowment funds ○ Debt service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have conducted a strategic planning process and/or an organizational assessment within the last two years that involved full participation of the board and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful attainment of a Planning Grant does not automatically lead to a larger grant.
DECISION BY	Spring: Early June Fall: Early December	Early June	Early June	Generally within 45 days of receipt