



## **EDINA ROTARY FOUNDATION LOCAL GRANTS GUIDELINES**

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### **Rotary International**

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problemsolvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Since 1905, Rotarians have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, Rotary is always working to better our world, and remains committed to the end. Rotary now has more than 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries!

### **Rotary Club of Edina**

The Rotary Club of Edina was chartered in 1957 and has grown to one of the largest and most successful clubs in Minnesota and the world. Members include over 180 business and community leaders. Each year, the Rotary Club of Edina raises funds to support both our local and international grants program.

### **Grants Program**

Each fall, our local grants committee accepts applications for grants of between \$1,000-\$5,000, with awards being granted in the spring. Most applicants will receive a site visit from a committee member to gather more information about the grant request. The committee then ranks requests based on the following preferred criteria:

- The project takes place primarily in (or the applicant primarily serves people in) Edina, Minneapolis, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Richfield, Bloomington, Eden Prairie, and/or St. Louis Park.
- The funds are for tangible goods, equipment, skill development or training and not for operating funds or consumable items.
- The funds will benefit many versus a few.
- The applicant has a demonstrated need for the funding.
- The Application is supported by a Rotary Club or Club Member.
- The project benefits one or more of the following areas of focus:
  - Serving the disabled or disadvantaged;
  - Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in our community;
  - Supporting education;
  - Safeguarding basic needs; and
  - Serving youth.
- Rotary is recognized through signage, social media or some other way.
- The applicant is not for profit.
- The committee disfavors applications: a) for an individual person; b) for religious purposes; c) for a major capital fund drive or endowment fund; d) for organizations primarily engaged in lobbying or political activities; e) for basic or applied research; f) to support a general operating budget or to supplement or pay salaries; g) for a special event, a fundraiser or tickets; h) for the benefit of our Rotary club or a member of our Rotary club; and i) for travel.