

**ROTARY CLUB OF THREE CREEKS FOUNDATION
GRANT GUIDELINES
ANNUAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUND**

1. Mission Statement.

The Rotary Club of Three Creeks Foundation ("Foundation") exists to foster, develop, promote, and encourage the health, education, and general welfare, focusing primarily on the residents of Vancouver and Clark County. The Foundation will also consider requests for funding projects which are approved by Rotary International.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation, responsible for allocating the funds to promote its purposes, will be guided by these Grant Guidelines and the Rotary Club of Three Creeks' Strategic Plan in making grants for the Annual Community Programs Fund.

2. Focused Areas of Support and Grant Awards

Children at Risk

Hunger

Homelessness

3. Guiding Principles.

A. The Foundation favors and prefers to support the following:

Projects having a significant impact on our local community.

Projects that aim at solutions to or prevention of problems versus those that merely address the immediate consequences of those problems. However, projects to provide for special and emergency care and essential needs are also supported.

Projects that benefit a broad number of individuals on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Projects that have adequate resources (human, financial, material) to ensure a reasonable chance of success.

Projects that have been developed with clear, carefully considered, and realistic plans.

Projects where other sources of funding are not appropriate or available.

Organizations that have a clear and important mission.

Organizations that have an active, responsible, and committed administrative staff and board.

Organizations which are in the best position in the community (compared with other organizations) to provide the services for which the funds are requested.

B. The Foundation will not generally consider applications:

For salaries nor buildings

For the benefit of a specific individual, except scholarships.

For partisan political campaigns, elections, or legislation.

From sectarian or religious organizations except for projects/services which are made available to the general population without participating in any religious activity.

By organizations which, in policy or practice, unfairly discriminate against race, ethnic origin, sex, creed, or religion.

For sponsoring teams or groups to participate in athletic contests/tournaments or in concerts or performances.

For projects requiring financial obligation by the Foundation over a period of years.

For normal operating expenses, debt retirement or operational deficits.

For contributions to general fund drives or annual charitable appeals.

For granting of funds to an organization for distribution to ultimate beneficiaries of its own choosing.

For endowments.

The Foundation generally does not invite the granting organization to make a presentation at our meeting. Instead, please make sure to provide enough information on your application to make it clear what you are requesting, and what your intended outcomes will be. If you feel additional information would be helpful to the Foundation in making its decision, please attach such information to your application.

The foregoing principles are intended as guidelines only and therefore, are general in nature. The Foundation reserves the right to review proposals and requests on a case-by-case basis and use its discretion as appropriate.

4. Grant Award Process

a. Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, and completed grant requests, including all required attachments, must be submitted to the Foundation by July 1 in order to be considered for award during that fiscal year.

b. The Foundation Board will consider/review grant requests once each year in September-November.

c. We will consider/review all community grant applications as well as grant requests for Rotary projects at our September – November meetings to better balance competing interests and needs, and more effectively use our available resources.

If your project fits the guidelines - criteria, The Rotary Club of Three Creeks Foundation Grant applications are available on our website.