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P O Box 167, Barre, VT 05641
District 7850



January 21, 2024

Dear Community Nonprofit Leaders,

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Barre! This past year has demonstrated – like no other in recent history – what we are capable of when we work together. Still in a post-pandemic fog, the flood waters that hit our community tested our resiliency in unprecedented ways, but we pulled through.

While many are still struggling, it is through organizations like yours that our residents of Barre maintain hope and the possibility of - not just surviving, but overcoming – their hardships, varied as they are.

As a continued demonstration of our respect and admiration for the work you do each day to improve the lives of our neighbors, we are excited to announce that our Community Grants application process is now open for eligible nonprofit organizations. We have a total of \$10,000 to award, thanks to the proceeds of our most recent BARRE ROTARY ART SPLASH auction last September, and individual awards of up to \$500 each will be distributed to those organizations that demonstrate the greatest depth and/or breadth of impact within our community.

In addition to providing eligible organizations with funding this year, the Rotary Club of Barre will be hosting our 2nd Annual 'Pie for Brunch and Community Grants Celebration' to feature and highlight all the amazing work our grantees and other service-minded neighbors are doing! This will provide those who receive funding, an in-person opportunity to showcase their mission, successes and plans moving forward at the American Legion in Barre on Saturday, April 6th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Rotary International is a global association of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Locally, we initiate community projects that focus on the most serious issues confronting people in our community and around the world: violence, drug abuse, hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and the eradication of polio! Visit our website here to learn more about our service projects and community impact: www.barrevtroty.org.

Interested applicants must review and complete the attached application (and guidelines) and either scan it and email to barrevtroty@gmail.com or send it to:

Rotary Club of Barre
Attn: Community Grants Committee
P.O. Box 167
Barre, VT 05641

www.barrevtroty.org

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The application deadline is **Friday, March 1st (must be received by this date.)**

The Community Grants Committee will contact you once the application has been received and reviewed. Thank you for all you do for the community!

Yours in Service,

Nicole M. DiDomenico, Club Past-President and Grants Committee Chair

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Community Grant Application

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Website URL: _____

Person Submitting Request: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Service Area Supported (Circle all that apply)

Education Promoting Peace Fighting Disease Maternal/Child Health
Community Development Protecting the Environment

What is the estimated number of people in Barre that will be impacted by the work funded through this grant, if received: _____

Grant Amount Being Requested: \$ _____ *Cannot exceed \$500

Please provide information as to how these grant funds will be used if received:

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

DEADLINE: March 1, 2024

Send to: BarreVTRotary@gmail.com or

Barre Rotary Club, ATTN: Community Grants Committee, P.O. Box 167, Barre, VT 05641

www.barrevtrotary.org

COMMUNITY GRANT CRITERIA

To be eligible for a Community Grant, an organization must submit a completed application by deadline and:

- Be classified as a 501(c)(3), be under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3), be a program of a 501(c)(3) -or- be a public school;
- Address one of Rotary International's '7 Areas of Service' with the funded project from a Barre Rotary grant: Basic Education and Literacy; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Community Economic Development; Maternal and Child Health; Supporting the Environment; Peace-building and Conflict Prevention;
- Support residents in Barre City and/or Barre Town;
- Attend the Inaugural Barre Rotary Pie for Brunch and Community Awards Ceremony on **Saturday, April 6th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** if chosen to receive a grant (to both physically receive their check and to table at the event)
One representative will be invited to attend at no cost; additional attendees are welcome to attend at a discounted rate of \$5; any organization selected to receive a grant will be required to produce a Power Point slide or two depicting the services of the organization, and more specific criteria of the slide will be provided in advance. Additionally, grantees will also be invited and strongly encouraged to conduct an educational presentation at a future Barre Rotary meeting – to be scheduled based on mutual availability.

Please note: We do not provide community grants to organizations that promote religious doctrine, though we may support agencies operated by religious organizations that serve secular needs. We also do not award community grants to organizations that lack written policies about discrimination or have a track record of discriminating on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity, disability, national origin, political affiliation or religious belief.