

Youngstown Rotary Foundation
2021-2022 Community Grant Program

Application Guidelines

Overview

The Rotary Club of Youngstown was founded on February 1, 1915. Our club is #137, of nearly 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. A membership of more than 70 represent a significant cross section of business, philanthropic and non-profit organizations and is committed to the Rotary motto of "service above self." The Youngstown Rotary Foundation was established in 1947 as an enduring source of revenue supporting charitable endeavors of importance with positive impact on our city, our nation and our world.

Funding Purpose and Categories:

The Youngstown Rotary Foundation has budgeted a total of \$25,000 for the 2021-2022 Community Grant Program to provide two categories of grant opportunities for non-profit organizations servicing and impacting the City of Youngstown and addressing one or more of Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Protecting the environment

A **Second Chance Community Impact Grant for Operational Support** of \$10,000 will be awarded to one nonprofit organization whose mission focuses on second chances for offenders re-entering the community through education, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, job training, counseling, and mentoring. General operating support is the working capital nonprofits need to sustain their day-to-day operations, enabling nonprofits to build a strong and sustainable infrastructure to provide programs and services that will have the greatest impact.

Community Program/Project Grants of \$3,000 will be awarded to five organizations supporting projects or programs that will make a significant, positive difference in the Youngstown community.

Eligibility:

- Grants will only be made to organizations and groups that are qualified under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Grants will be made to organizations that operate out of Mahoning County and serve the residents of the City of Youngstown.
- Only one project per organization per grant cycle will be awarded.

Not Eligible for Funding

- Grants will NOT be made to cover unrestricted capital campaigns, endowments, litigation costs, religious programming, and deficit funding or debt retirement.
- Grants will NOT be made directly to individuals.
- Applicants with unmet obligations on prior grants may not apply.

Grant Review Process:

- A review panel will be appointed by the Youngstown Rotary Foundation President and will consist of Rotary Club of Youngstown members on the basis of their familiarity with, and expertise in, a broad spectrum of nonprofit organizations programming and reach. During the review panel meeting, applications are discussed, evaluated and scored according to the guidelines and selection criteria.
- The panel may opt to recommend full or partial funding to any eligible applicant.
- The Youngstown Rotary Foundation Board of Directors reviews and makes final decisions regarding the review panel's recommendations prior to notification and announcement of grants and may not be appealed.

Selection Criteria:

Selections for awards will be based on the following in both funding categories:

- Organization and/or Program/Project Description – Complete, descriptive narrative including who, what, where, when, why and how. The use of funds must be for high quality, exemplary services that address the Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus.
- Impact on Local Community - Merit of the proposed organization or program/project's impact upon the local community and target audience and percentage of grant directly benefitting residents of the City of Youngstown.
- Management - Feasibility and ability of the organization to undertake and complete the project.
- Evaluation and Measurement of Outcomes – description of how and what measures you will use to define success.

Application Process:

The 2021-2022 grant cycle is open from Oct. 15, 2021 to Dec. 15, 2021. The 2021-2022 application is available for **download here**. To submit your application, and if you have any questions, please email youngstownrotarygrantprogram@gmail.com.

Award Notification:

All applicants will be informed of the Youngstown Rotary Foundation decisions after Dec. 15, 2021.

Grant Contract Terms:

- All projects must take place between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022
- A final report will be required, documenting grant outcomes based on the grant criteria, and due no later than July 31, 2022
- The project must be carried out according to project description, budget and dates as described in the application.
- The Youngstown Rotary Foundation retains the right to, at any time, audit the books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices of the organization receiving funds.
- The Youngstown Foundation Rotary logo and the following credit line must appear on all publicity related to the project: "This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Youngstown Rotary Foundation."

Non-Discrimination

Applicants may not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or any other characteristic protected under federal, state and/or local laws.