

Grove Rotary Foundation

Charitable Giving Committee -- Philosophy & Procedures

What We Do Fund

1. The Grove Rotary Foundation Mission Statement is “to promote education, charitable and scientific activities.” It will fulfill this function within the guiding principles of Rotary.
2. The focus of the Grove Rotary Foundation’s charitable distribution is to provide financial support to local organizations that serve the public.
3. Organizations applying for grants must enhance the greater Grove Community while embracing the concepts of accessibility, fairness, inclusiveness and diversity included in Rotary’s principles.
4. Charitable service projects of The Grove Rotary Club that fulfill the Foundation’s mission may receive preferential funding.
5. The funding requests should represent specific projects or programs including specific requests for material, or equipment.
6. In evaluating equivalent requests, they will be prioritized based on proximity to Grove with the priority being the City of Grove, Delaware County, and Grand Lake Area.
7. The project or program should be under the direction of a local organization or local affiliate.
8. All charitable requests must include a sponsoring, current member of the Grove Rotary Foundation (whose membership is identical to that of the Grove Rotary Club). The sponsoring member should be available to assist the Board in communicating with his/her proposed recipients. This may include approval or denial of the request as well as scheduling of presentation to the membership and/or Foundation Board.
9. Historical funding patterns of the Grove Rotary Club and the Grove Rotary Foundation having been of grants of \$100 to \$5,000 with the majority being of less than \$1,000.

What We Do Not Fund

1. Individual Sponsorships
2. Organizations outside of the Grand Lake area
3. Ongoing operating expenses
4. Political projects or those that are primarily related to political causes
5. Religious organizations for religious purposes
6. Sabbatical leave or scholarly research
7. Costs already incurred
8. Endowments and debt reduction
9. Fundraising events unless sponsored or co-sponsored by the Grove Rotary Foundation
10. More than one application per organization except in an emergency.
11. A commitment to more than one year’s funding

What We Will Need

1. A completed application form within the designated time frame which should include the name of the Rotarian sponsor. Information can be found at www.groverotary.org
2. Receipts and assurance statements signed by qualified individuals may also be required. The appropriateness of this information will be determined on an individual basis.
3. If the request is over a \$1,000, more information may be necessary. Based on the complexity and size of the project, this could include a mission statement, by-laws, list of board members, budgets, annual income and expense statements, other funding and 501(c)(3) documentation.
4. Emergent or urgent sponsorships of projects of less than \$1,000 may occur on an as needed basis throughout the year. These requests can be applied for at any time and will be evaluated at the next Rotary Foundation Board meeting.
5. Grant recipients should be willing to speak at a Grove Rotary meeting during the year to educate Rotarians about what their organization does for the community.
6. Grant recipients should make arrangements to have a representative of their organization receive the grant in person at a designated Grove Rotary Meeting.