



Bemidji Rotary Club

The Bemidji Rotary Club provides support for local community service projects. We do this by accepting applications for financial support, evaluating the requests, and recommending distribution of funds to non-profit organizations that work toward improving the quality of life within the Bemidji area.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATION

Grants will be considered on the third Thursday of November, and the third Thursday of March, each year. See schedule below.

1. The Bemidji Rotary Club generally favors:
 - a. Organizations that deal with "basic human needs," especially those that are directed toward helping the socially or economically disadvantaged become more self-sufficient.
 - b. Projects or programs that are of a demonstration nature and preferably could be carried on by others at the conclusion of Rotary support (i.e., a "pilot" program, start-up, or special need). We are not adverse to high-risk programs with potential for significant leverage.
 - c. Grant requests for small identified capital improvement or special purpose. We will consider funding requests for local capital campaigns, but have generally not funded large nation campaigns.
 - d. Grant requests that would benefit many individuals rather than a few.
 - e. Programs that serve the Bemidji area.
2. The Bemidji Rotary Club generally has between \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year to distribute. Our grants usually range from \$100 - \$2,000.
3. The Bemidji Rotary Club supports numerous international educational and humanitarian programs through its Foundation, Youth Exchange Programs, World Community Service Committee and numerous other programs. Consequently, organizations requesting support from Rotary for projects dealing with international issues should make application for grants directly to Rotary International. Contact us for information or refer to www.rotary.org.
4. The Bemidji Rotary Club has historically never funded grants to:
 - a. Individual persons.
 - b. Religious organizations for purely religious purposes.
 - c. Organizations primarily engaged in lobbying or political activity.
 - d. Basic or applied research.
5. The Bemidji Rotary Club has generally not favored, but will consider grants to:
 - a. Support travel by groups.
 - b. Fund the operating budget or an ongoing program of an organization.
 - c. Special events, tickets, or benefits.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING, EVALUATING, AND GRANTING REQUESTS

FOR SUPPORT FROM BEMIDJI ROTARY CLUB:

All grant requests must be submitted on the Bemidji Rotary Club grant application form. Additional information may be attached to form if necessary.

Grant applications will be approved two times each calendar year in accordance with the schedule below. Grant requests received after the dates indicated will be returned.

For grant request to be considered on the third Thursday of November each year, the application must be received by the Rotary Grants Coordinator on or before October 31 each year. For grant requests to be considered on the third Thursday of March each year, the applications must be received by the Rotary Grants Coordinator on or before February 27 each year.

You must make grant request presentation to the Bemidji Rotary Club Board of Directors. Final decisions are generally made within 30 days following presentation.

Grand applications should be mailed to:

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