

In 1999, Rotary Charities donated \$2.5 million to the Community Foundation to establish the Rotary Endowment. The Endowment connects the shared work of Rotary Charities and the Community Foundation of promoting philanthropy to enrich the quality of life in our region. Today, the Rotary Endowment provides an opportunity for individual Rotarians and local Rotary Clubs to have their philanthropic support matched by the Community Foundation and Rotary Charities is reflective of the quality of philanthropic intent and integrity that makes this a wonderful place to live, work, and give.

## Regional Rotary Clubs Matching Grant Program - General Guidelines

### Purpose of the Program

To help strengthen the good works of Rotary Clubs by increasing service, philanthropy and volunteerism in our home communities through service projects and around the world through Rotary International.

### Grant Eligibility

Grants will be considered to support club projects that:

- Help achieve a community or Rotary International goal,
- Are a priority of the local club, and
- Uphold the Rotary motto, objectives, and four way test

Grants are available on an annual basis to match giving by chartered Rotary Clubs in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties. A maximum of \$3,000 is available annually per club. Unused portions of this amount will not be carried forward for future use.

Grant awards will be made to eligible 501(c)3 nonprofit, governmental, and educational organizations. *Grant awards are unable to be made to fraternal, social, union, political or veteran groups, university or college alumni associations; and church operating funds, or to the Rotary Clubs.* 

These grants are offered as annual matching grants, *requiring a \$1 for \$1 local match*. Gifts of donated goods and contracted services, other than volunteer services, will qualify for the match.

### Grant Process

A board designated representative in each Rotary Club should submit the request for matching funds *(using the form that follows)* to the Community Foundation. Proof of tax exempt status needs to be submitted for each organization that is being granted funds.

<u>Applications for the Regional Rotary Clubs Challenge Grant Program can be January through November</u> <u>15th of each year.</u> Requests for Matching Grants will be reviewed throughout the year and grants will be awarded within 30 days of approval of the request.

Grants will be awarded by the Community Foundation directly to the nonprofit organization, with notice to each Club.



# **REGIONAL ROTARY CLUB MATCHING REQUEST FORM**

### **ROTARY CLUB INFORMATION:**

Name of Club:

Club President:

### **GRANTEE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:**

Organization Name:		EIN:
Contact Person:	Phone:	Email:
Address:		
City/ST/Zip:		
Name of project:		
Community or Rotary goal to be achieved:		
Total project cost:		
Funds given by your club:	(please submit document	ation)
Matching Request Amount:	(\$1 for \$1 match, max.	\$3,000 available annually)
Other sources of funding (if any):		

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- Please attach proof of IRS 501 (c)(3) status and list of board of directors
- On a separate piece of paper please describe briefly:
  - 1. The goals and purpose of the project.
  - 2. The need for the project
  - 3. The people who will be served by the project

Application submitted by:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Club President:

Date: