



DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION 2024 – 2025

The Rotary Club of: Rich-Mar Date: August 31, 2024

Project Name: Upgrade Mars Historical Society Community Facility Requested Amount: \$1500

No changes can be made to the intended purpose of the original Grant Application without prior approval. District Grant requests for scholarships will not be approved and careful consideration will be given to applications for repeated District Grant Projects. If in doubt about your project's eligibility, consult the District Foundation Chairperson (PDG John Marshall). The limit for a Club's combined grant(s) request(s) is up to **\$1,500.00**. As District Grants are matching grants, reimbursement cannot exceed the amount contributed by the Club in cash. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS AUGUST 31, 2024.**

A. Provide a brief narrative description of the project. (Use a second sheet if needed to describe the project.) If the grant request is for more than one project, please complete a separate application for each.

Upgrade the Mars Historical Society location on Brickyard Road in Mars, PA

This facility is a community asset to view and learn from collected area history as well as to enjoy various train-related activities. The facility is open on Fridays and special occasions (such as the Rich-Mar Rotary run Applefest in October of each year) as a popular spot for families to learn, interact and enjoy. The facility is operated by volunteers who need help with facility maintenance and upgrades.

The project helps the Mars Historical Society to 1) repaint/re-stain and refurbish facilities that are exposed to outdoor elements and 2) upgrade the public bathroom to make it handicap accessible. Pictures and more insight on the work is in Attachment I.

ANY SIGNAGE ON THE PROJECT MUST USE PROPER ROTARY BRANDING TO BE APPROVED AND FUNDED. PLEASE INITIAL YOUR AGREEMENT DMR

There will be acknowledgement of Rich-Mar Rotary funded upgrades as being a partner of Mars Historical Society. We will ensure the details of any public display are approved by the District.

B. How will your club's Rotarians be actively involved in this project? (This is a critical element!) We are looking for **People of Action**.

Under the guidance/help of the Mars Historical Society personnel, Rich-Mar Rotary will be 1) performing the prep and painting efforts and the wood upgrades on the Souvenir and Gift Shop, 2) painting efforts on the building housing the public bathroom, 3) re-staining the steps to the caboose display and 4) installing handicap upgrades in the bathroom. We expect there is enough work here for 15-20 Rich-Mar volunteers. Refer to Attachment I.

- C. How will you publicize Rotary's involvement with the project and by what means? (This is a critical element and goes to what media used, i.e. newspaper, social media, etc. A copy must be attached to the final report.)

We have developed a strong relationship with both the Tribune Review and Butler/Cranberry Eagle and would plan to publicize the facility and our work to keep in good shape. We also have a good relationship with Mars Borough personnel (the facility is in Mars) who would be engaged in Rich-Mar's help.

We will also be using our Instagram and Facebook pages (and that of the Historical Society) to publicize our partnership on this project.

Note that the Mars Historical Society was one of the major donors to the new Mars Town Clock spearheaded by Rich-Mar Rotary. They as considered a reliable and willing long-term partner. We intend to publicize our partnership with Mars Historical Society on this project as well as the new Town Clock.

- D. Provide a total budget for the project. What are the costs?

The outdoor painting will require paint/painting equipment/tarps/new wood/etc. This cost could be as much as \$1500.

As noted in Attachment II estimate from the Mars Historical Society, the cost of the bathroom upgrade is \$2176.

The total cost could reach \$3676 per the estimates.

Note that Attachment II includes other options for upgrades which were discussed but are not part of this grant or the planned short-term work (Rich-Mar may help them with these efforts separately).

- E. How will the balance be funded (total cost of project less the requested grant)?

Rich-Mar Club will donate \$1500 to the project to match the \$1500 District Grant and per Attachment II, the Mars Historical Society will cover any overage above \$3000.

- F. When will the project begin? The project must be performed when outside weather is reliably above 60 degrees with no rain forecasted. Based on when this grant is approved, it is likely we cannot start this project until the April/May time frame. Even the bathroom work must wait because it is accessible only from the outside.

When will it be completed*? May 31, 2025

*Note: Projects need to be completed by June 30th of the Rotary year in which application was made.



G. Date the Board of Directors of the sponsoring club reviewed and approved this proposal?

August 12, 2024

H. Project Leader Information (current project lead is the Club President – we are soliciting a project manager for this job):

Name: David A. Hein

Address: 4131 Lilly Vue Court

City: Mars State: PA Zip Code: 16046

Handwritten signature of David A. Hein in black ink.

Club President Signature

DAVID A. HEIN

Club President Printed

8/28/24

Date

Please send completed application to: PDG John Marshall
4149 Glasgow Rd.
Valencia, PA 16059
john@johnmarshallcatering.com

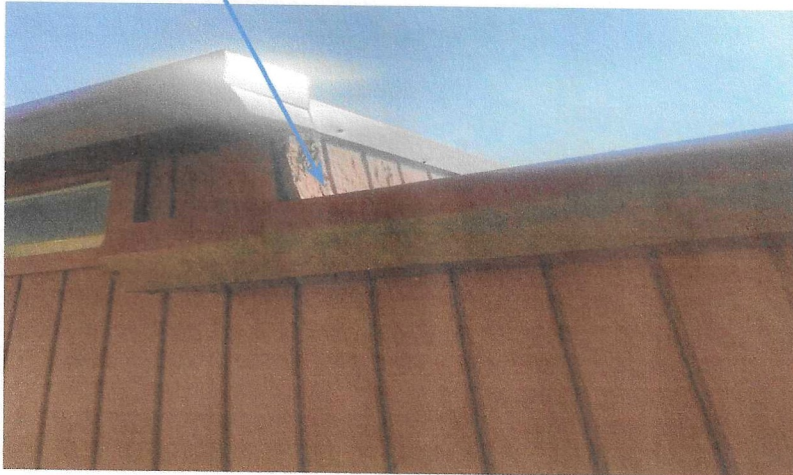
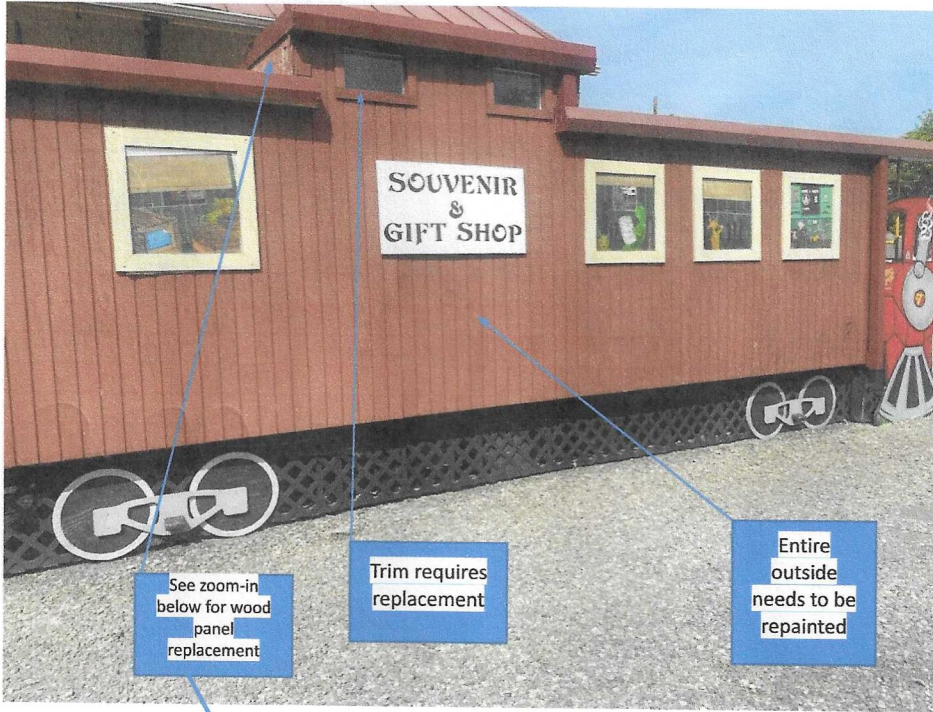
Approvals: (Please initial if approved)

District Governor _____ District Foundation Chair _____ District Grants Chair _____

District Grant# _____



Attachment I







Current bathroom

Note the need for a small ramp to get into the bathroom for handicap access.

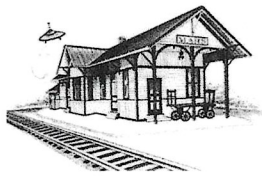
Note the current changing table that would have to be replaced by a wall-mounted unit to provide better wheelchair access

The plan is to also paint the exterior



Current bathroom

This is the area that would receive a partition between toilets, handicap bars, new changing table on the wall (to make space for handicap access, a automated hand dryer, shelving and improved lighting.



MARS AREA

HISTORY & LANDMARKS SOCIETY

(MAHLS) - A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization -

"Preserving Yesterday for Today and Tomorrow"

August 19, 2024

PROPOSED PROJECT ESTIMATES

Bathroom Update - Option 1

Wheelchair Entry Ramp - Outside	\$ 143.00
Wheelchair to Toilet Transfer Safety Bars:	\$ 210.00
Including:	
Side Wall Bar - 42"	
Back Wall Bar - 36"	
Free-standing, Wall to Floor Bar	
Partition between toilets	\$ 350.00
Baby Changing Station - Wall Mount w/ disposable pads.	\$ 290.00
Refuse Container - sealing lid type	\$ 38.00



Sanitary, wall-type Hand Dryer	\$ 650.00
Shelves (toilet paper, baby wipes, towels) & Soap Dispenser	\$ 155.00
Improved Ceiling Lighting	<u>\$ 340.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2176.00</u>

Railroad Equipment Shed – Option 2

This Shed will be an open-sided building designed to resemble a Covered Bridge.

The Shed will cover the rails that currently support our Plymouth Locomotive and a Railroad Maintenance "Speeder" (that is currently housed inside our Railroad Station.

This structure will be composed primarily of a wood supporting frame with a metal roof, and will be approximately 12' wide x 30' long

The approximate cost of materials and labor to construct this Shed will be \$ 8700.00

Automated External Defibrillator – AED

Phillips HeartStart AED (approx.) \$ 1670.00

Note: This item is on our MAHLS "wish list".

Final Notes:

It is understood that MAHLS will make up the difference between what Rich-Mar Rotary donates and the final total cost of the project.

MAHLS will place a sign outside the bathroom or shed to acknowledge the contributions that Rich-Mar Rotary made.