

District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2024-25

Application Deadline: August 1, 2024

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Rotary Club of: Bloomsburg

Project Title: Bloomsburg Food Cupboard

Amount of funds requested from District: \$1830

Amount of funds committed by Rotary Club for Project: \$1830 (must be equal to or greater than amount of funds requested from District)

2024-2025 Club Grants Chair	<u>Ginny Weibel</u> (Name)	<u>ginnyw@the-childrens-museum.org</u> (E-mail)
2024-2025 Club Chair of this project	<u>Helga Loncosky</u> (Name)	<u>amrhblmh@gmail.com</u> (E-mail)
2024-2025 Club Treasurer	<u>BobbiJo Broyles</u> (Name)	<u>broyles0701@yahoo.com</u> (E-mail)

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NARRATIVE FORM:

- Briefly describe the proposed project. What will be done, when and where will the project take place, and how many people will benefit from the project. How will the project benefit the community?
 - To provide food to underserved members of the Bloomsburg Area Community (encompassing Millville, Benton, Catawissa, Bloomsburg Town and Rural Bloomsburg Area. The Food Cupboard was founded in 1996 under the St. Columba Catholic Church. It became an independent non-profit in 2021.
 - This is a recurring weekly project.
 - Outcomes/ Intended Results for Participants---350 households (over 800 individuals) served monthly with non-perishable items and fresh produce as available---weekly distributions.
250 backpacks are sent home weekly for students to get through the weekend and breaks during the school year (Panther Packs)
Free lunch for school children during the summer---Summer Lunch
Serves the University Students in need- Husky Pantry
- How many club members will participate in the project and in what role? Is there a cooperating organization also involved and what will their role be?

The entire club of nearly 50 members is involved along with our Bloomsburg High School Interact Club and Bloomsburg Univeristy Rotaract Club serving with the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. We have a peanut butter drive every year to help support the food cupboard and this year, we gathered over 2,224 lbs. of peanut butter for distribution for the Panther Packs and Ffoo Cupboard overall. But there are food gaps that we hope to address with this grant. The Food Cupboard is in need of cash/grocery resources to fill the gaps in food donations to be able to complete giving balanced nutrition to those in need on a weekly basis.
Fruit and vegetables, heat and eat meals, pasta, rice, cereal, bread and bagels, potatoes, pierogies, meat, eggs, peanut butter (Bloomsburg Rotary gathered over 2,400lbs. of peanut butter for this program and Panther Packs), canned tomato sauce, fish and canned tuna, miscellaneous items such as condiments that change weekly.

3. Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted?

Yes.

If yes, will the project be modified if this occurs, and if so, how?

The Food Cupboard will have to adjust what kind of food stuffs can be purchased.

4. How does this project reflect the mission of The Rotary Foundation?

The Food Cupboard seeks assistance from the Bloomsburg Rotary Club in filling the gaps in groceries to be able to continue serving the Bloomsburg Area and surrounding community families and children on a consistent basis. Together, we can make sure none go hungry. We believe this aligns with Rotary's Area of Focus on maternal and child health.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- All 2024-25 Rotary Foundation Certified Clubs may submit one (1) Community Grant Proposal if they gave \$6,000 or less to Annual Fund in 2021-22 **OR** two Community Grant Proposals if Annual fund giving exceeded \$6,000 **OR** one (1) collaborative project with one or more clubs.
- Each year the Rotary Club must be certified. Please check to certify that the following steps for the 2024-25 Certification have been completed:

Club President or designee must have attended PETS or equivalent training.

Two (2) club members must attend yearly a Grant Management Seminar (GMS) held by District 7360.

Clubs must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the District 7360 Grants Subcommittee by August 1, 2024.

Clubs must have entered an Annual Fund Goal of at least \$25 per capita and at least 13 goals for the 2024-25 Rotary year in MyRotary by August 1, 2024.

Club must be current on Rotary International and District Dues.

Reminder: The club will receive the grant money when the final report and all receipts have been submitted to the District Grants Committee Chair

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District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2023-24
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Project Title: Support of Kiwanis Club of Bloomsburg's Playground Program

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1. Briefly describe the proposed project. What will be done, when and where will the project take place, and how many people will benefit from the project. How will the project benefit the community?

The Kiwanis Club of Bloomsburg seeks grant funding from the Bloomsburg Rotary for our Summer Playground program. This camp, held every weekday for 7 weeks during summer, attracts around 130 kids annually, with 85-100 attending daily. Located at Memorial School playground, it offers supervised sports, crafts, field trips, and play. The program is free for students who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade from any school district and includes free breakfast and lunch provided by Columbia-Montour Tapestry of Health. This camp is essential for working parents who can't afford summer childcare, particularly in the Bloomsburg School District, where many families have limited budgets. Kiwanis has provided this free camp for over 60 years, benefiting countless children and families. However, the camp incurs significant costs, approximately \$16,000 last year. Budgeting is challenging due to unpredictable attendance and weather. While we reuse equipment, some items need annual replacement or updates. This year, we also raised staff wages to stay competitive with other summer jobs, an expense unforeseen during budget planning.

2. How many club members will participate in the project and in what role? Is there a cooperating organization also involved and what will their role be?

Four Rotarians in the Bloomsburg Club are also members of Bloomsburg Kiwanis. These members are; Russel E. Bachert, Jr., Bruce Musser, Allan Schappert, and Tom James. The Bloomsburg Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club of Bloomsburg often cooperate on various community events.

3. Will the project be completed if less than requested funds are granted?

The Playground Summer program will continue if this proposal is denied or reduced.

If yes, will the project be modified if this occurs, and if so, how?

If our application is reduced or denied, the Kiwanis club will reduce the number of other community service projects completed for the year in order to fully fund the Summer Playground project.

4. How does this project reflect the mission of The Rotary Foundation?

The Kiwanis Club of Bloomsburg's Summer Playground program aligns with the Rotary Foundation's mission to fund service projects that improve lives and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. By offering free, quality education and enrichment activities to children from any school district, the program enhances educational opportunities and promotes equal access to resources. This initiative alleviates poverty by providing essential childcare services to working parents who cannot afford summer programs. The camp has been a cornerstone of the community for over 60 years, fostering goodwill and peace by creating a safe, supportive environment for children. Supporting this project reflects the Rotary Foundation's commitment to improving health, providing quality education, and alleviating poverty.

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