

District 7360 District Community Grant Application 2024-25

Application Deadline: August 1, 2024

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Rotary Club of: Williamsport, MD

Project Title: Combating Hunger in Williamsport: The Food Bank Replenishment Project

Amount of funds requested from District: \$790.00

Amount of funds committed by Rotary Club for Project: \$790.00 (must be equal to or greater than amount of funds requested from District)

2024-2025 Club Grants Chair	<u>Jocelyn Hauer</u> (Name)	<u>jocelyn.hauer@brooklane.org</u> (E-mail)
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No project may start until final approval is received from District 7360 and The Rotary Foundation

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NARRATIVE FORM:

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 Rotary Club of Williamsport, MD will be partnering with the Williamsport, MD Food Bank to determine critical food items for distribution to the community. According to unitedforalice.org data from 2022, 36% of Williamsport, MD residents live in poverty or are categorized as working poor and are struggling to afford basic necessities after all household fixed expenses are covered. Food inflation has increased by 25.5% within the last 5 years (according to usinflationcalculator.com) making it even more challenging for our partners at the Williamsport, MD Food Bank to meet the needs of the community. The Williamsport, MD Food Bank will provide a list of critical food needs that the Rotary Club of Williamsport, MD will purchase as well as package and distribute to the community, where needed. The project will take place shortly after their Harvest Hoedown community event fundraiser on October 5th, once funds raised have been tabulated. From there, the outstanding needs of the Williamsport Food Bank will be identified and the Rotary Club of Williamsport, MD will assist in meeting the needs for those items. According to mdfoodbank.org, the average cost of a meal in Maryland is \$3.90. With the projected total funds of \$1,580.00, these funds can provide a meal to approximately 405 individuals. Every meal counts for a resident who is food insecure. This allows the Williamsport, MD Food Bank the ability to maximize support.

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?

Approximately 6 club members will participate in the project. Two club members will be performing the administrative and communication duties as they pertain to the outreach to cooperating organization, the Williamsport, MD Food Bank. These club members will report back to the rest of the group regarding what is needed, along with the costs associated with them. Two other club members will be tasked with purchasing the items requested at the most affordable cost to maximize impact. The final two members will take these items and deliver them to the Food Bank or directly to families, depending on what is needed. The cooperating organization, the Williamsport, MD Food Bank, will be responsible for identifying their outstanding food needs and providing a list of items and estimated costs to the members responsible for collecting these details.

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?

That is correct. Less meals will be distributed overall.

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

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. By providing meal support to our community, our project contributes to the improved health and alleviation of poverty through improved nourishment and financial stability.

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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Rotary Club Grants Chair: (2024-25): Jocelyn Hauer e-mail: jocelyn.hauer@brooklane.org

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