

Approved COVID-19 Grants

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In case you missed this article about the District's COVID -19 Grants in the June 2020 Spirit we added this reprint to appear along with the article on Rotary International's Coronavirus Response.

The District Grants team approved nineteen COVID-19 grants with total project budgets of over \$146,000. A number of the COVID-19 grants were hybrid grants comprised of a “sustaining” portion related to the immediate emergency situation and a “sustainable” portion related to longer lasting impact such as capacity building for the beneficiary organization. These hybrid grants allowed a combination of immediate spending with later reimbursement and portions of the project budgets awaiting availability of district designated funds (DDF) when the funds are released to the district by The Rotary Foundation.

There were four multi-club grants and at least one grant included engagement with a Rotaract Club and three of the grants had Interact Club participation. One club had two COVID-19 grants approved. There were twenty-four Rotary Clubs involved in the 19 approved COVID-19 grants. The largest grant budget was \$19,000 and the smallest was \$1,000.

Food Banks were often the beneficiary organizations and involved the grants both providing immediate assistance and ongoing capacity building components such as enlarging a doorway to allow movement of pallets in and out of the building, purchasing refrigeration/freezer units, purchasing other equipment such as shelving, and supplies such as distribution bags for the groceries.

Other grants were focused around providing or collecting personal protective equipment (PPE) and providing meals for 1st responders and hospital personnel.

More detailed articles on some of the individual projects will follow in subsequent Spirit issues. Thank you to the clubs for your creative efforts to craft emergency grants tailored to the needs of your communities. Thank you also to the District Grants team for their commitment to meeting the extraordinary needs identified by the clubs.