

Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club Guidelines for Grant Applicants

The Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club works to bring Rotary International's vision to life in Berkeley County. Rotary International's mission is **to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, good will and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.**

Grants Offered: The Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club makes available grant opportunities for non-profit organizations: Grants for a maximum of \$1,000 per organization will support projects that demonstrate need for small capital items or "seed money" for pilot programs and special services that provide direct and tangible benefits within Berkeley County or larger projects or pilot programs **that demonstrate long-term sustainability and impact.**

Funding Timeline:

The grant application cycle is open *August 1 – August 31*

Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club review period – *September 1 - September 31*

The Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club issues award decisions by *October 31*

Funds to be used within 1 year of the grant being issued.

Applicant must submit a Final Report to the Club after the project is completed. Applicant will be scheduled to speak to the Club and give a presentation on how the program or project went / is going to include how the Club can further support the program or project.

Eligibility Guidelines:

Applicant must be a non-profit charitable organization, government agency, Rotary Foundation, or other Rotary Club

Must demonstrate need for a specific project, pilot program, or program (not to include operating, or administrative expenses such as rent, salaries and operating expenses) **that demonstrates long-term sustainability and impact.** NOTE: Rotary Foundations and Rotary Clubs may substitute a collaborative project that aligns with the goals and focus of the Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club for sustainability.

It must be a one-time expenditure, not ongoing operations (i.e. buying food for a Food Pantry, providing "scholarships" for more participants in an existing program, etc.). Applications for Pilot Programs must include how the grant will facilitate funding of the on-going program in future years.

Must be able to demonstrate the impact of the grant on the community. Funding must provide services to Berkeley County residents.

Grants may not be used to reimburse organizations for activities or expenses already completed or in progress.

Each year we will survey Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club members and special focus will be placed on the areas of focus the club identifies as being most important to its members. All grant applications must relate to one or more of the seven (7) areas of focus of Rotary International: 1) Promoting peace; 2) Fighting disease; 3) Providing clean water, Sanitation, and hygiene; 4) Saving mothers and children, 5) Supporting education, 6) Growing local economies, and/or 7) Protecting the environment. The 2026 Area of Focus for SMSRC is clean water/health, education and children.

Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club reviews each funding application based on the following criteria:

Project Description Is the project information complete and includes how the project addresses the funding objectives? 20 points
Volunteer Component Is there an opportunity for Rotary club members to participate in the project through volunteer community service? 20 points
Lasting Impact Does the project demonstrate a lasting impact on the community? NOTE: Rotary Foundations and Rotary Clubs may substitute a collaborative project that aligns with the goals and focus of the Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club for sustainability. 15 points
Promotes Goodwill Does the project meet the Rotary 4-way test? 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build good will and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? 5 points
Club focus area Does this project or program fall within the Rotary Internationals 7 areas of focus? Depending on club feedback, certain areas may have priority. 25 points
Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club Recognition How does the project or program include a plan to recognize the Spring Mills Satellite Rotary Club for its contributions? 15 points
Total 100 points

Applications can be found on our website and may be emailed or mailed.

They must be postmarked or received by the application deadline.

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