

DISTRICT 5440
District GRANT APPLICATION
(modified May 21, 2014)

Our Mission:

... to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

(Endorsed by the Council on Legislation, April 2007)

Please print or type all information

1. ROTARY CLUB of Thermopolis Wyoming

2. Briefly describe the project, its location, and its objectives.

Please See Attached Description

August 15, 2014
Start Date (Cannot commence before grant is approved!)

May 29, 2015
Estimated Completion Date

3. Describe how the project will benefit the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate. Also indicate the number of people that will benefit by this project.

Please See Attached

4. Describe the nonfinancial participation by sponsoring Club Rotarians in the project (i.e., How many Rotarians will be involved and what will they do?).

Please See Attached

Are other Rotarians, either local or international, going to be involved in the project?

How?

Please See Attached

5. How will the general public know this is a Rotary-sponsored project? Please provide details of the publicity plan.

Please See Attached

6. Project Contact – Who in the club is the primary contact who will monitor progress, provide additional information if needed and submit the final report?

Allan Braaten Back Pack Committee Chairman braaten@rtcconnect.net
Primary Contact Name Rotary Title/Position E-mail

121 South 4th Street Thermopolis WY 82443 307-864-3138
Address City State Zip Phone

7. **International Projects only** – How will the club assure that the project is completed as proposed, funds spent appropriately, recognition of Rotary visible, and reports completed in a timely manner? **Invoices, bank records and other documentation is required to verify expenditures.**

N/A

8. Provide project manager name and contact information if different from 6 above.

N/A

Contact Name	Rotary Title/Position	E-mail
Address	City/State/Zip	or Country
		Phone

9. Cooperating Organization – If the project involves a cooperating organization, please provide the name of the organization below and attach a letter of participation from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities and how the organization will interact with Club Rotarians for the project. **By signing this application, the Rotarian sponsors endorse the organization as reputable, responsible, registered with the project community, and ensure grant activities, including the conversion of funds, are in accordance with local law.**

N/A

Name(s) of Cooperating Organization(s)

10. Budget – Provide an estimate of the total cost of the project. Information regarding the items to be purchased should be included, if known. **Retain copies of any preliminary invoices for your records.** Add lines if needed. Please note that district grants will not fund: travel expenses, scholarship programs, construction of new buildings, or fundraising activities not directly related to a humanitarian activity.

Item	Cost
The Backpack Food program is estimated to cost \$10,000 - \$13,000 per year depending upon the number of participating elementary students. Currently 100 students are estimated to be in the new program. We are committing \$4,000 to the first year and asking for a grant of \$4,000	8,000 ⁰⁰
Local fundraising efforts will make up the balance.	
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	

11. Financing – Provide the sources and amount of financing for this project. The total financing must meet the total cost of project. Add lines if needed.

Amount requested from District: \$ 4,000⁰⁰ (Maximum \$5,000)

Source of Funds	Amount
Club	4,000 ⁰⁰
District	4,000 ⁰⁰
Other:	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCING	

12. Signatures

As President of the Rotary Club of Thermopsis Wyoming, I hereby affirm that the club's board has voted to undertake this project as an activity of the club. The club is qualified under district requirements. In consideration of receipt of these grant monies, we agree to abide by the *Club Memorandum of Understanding* and to submit a final report within 30 days of completion of the project. If the Primary Contact for this project is unavailable or unable to submit the required reports, I understand that I must complete and submit them within the required timelines. Failure to file complete and timely reports will necessitate the repayment of all grant funds received. I also affirm that all information in this grant application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Shurie Scheer
Club President's Name (please print)

Shurie Scheer
Club President's Signature

7/7/14
Date

Allan Braaten
Primary Contact for Grant (please print)

Allan Braaten
Primary Contact for Grant Signature

7/9/14
Date

Jacque Michel
Club Foundation/Grants Chair (please print)

Jacque Michel
Club Foundation/Grants Chair Signature

7/7/2014
Date

L. Wilton Lyles
District Grant Committee Member (please print)

L. Wilton Lyles
District Grant Committee Member Signature

8/15/14
Date

Send completed application to:
E-Mail: district5440grants@gmail.com

For District Use Only

Review and Approval Signatures			
_____	_____	_____	_____
District Grants Committee Chair	Date	District Foundation Committee Chair	Date
_____	_____		
District 5440 Governor Signature	Date		
District Grant Number: _____		Application Number: _____	
Notes:			

2 . **Briefly describe the project, its location and its objectives.**

A group of passionate volunteers have elected to start a backpack program in conjunction with our local school system. A current volunteer group named the People for People program, provides meals, for the elderly and persons in need, every Sunday. The organization is a 501(c)(3) entity and is staffed entirely by volunteers. This group has seen the need for a children's backpack program in our community and is embarking on this new adventure. The group approached our Thermopolis Rotary Club because they knew this was a program that our Rotary Club has been "kicking around" for a few months.

3 . **Describe how the project will benefit the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate. Also indicate the number of people that will benefit by this project.**

The Backpack program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program and have little or no food on the weekends. Therefore, the families of the elementary school children receiving the food qualify as poverty level under the federal guidelines. The goal is to stop hunger, create better test scores, improve reading skills, encourage positive behavior, improve health and increase school attendance. Every Friday, elementary students will receive their backpacks filled with food items that require little to no preparation. They will return their backpacks on Monday ready to learn. The backpacks will contain enough servings of easily prepared food to feed the child for the entire weekend.

As far as the number of people that will benefit by this project, the initial estimate is 100 children. However, that number is probably low. If it is known that there are other siblings in the household, extra food will be sent home to feed the additional siblings in the family.

4 . **Describe the nonfinancial participation by sponsoring Club Rotarians in the project (i.e., How many Rotarians will be involved and what will they do).**

As mentioned in #2, above the committee approached our Rotary Club because they knew we are very interested in the project. The Thermopolis Rotary has discussed the volunteer commitment to helping gather the food supplies and getting them to the schools on Fridays. Our club has also discussed future fundraising ideas to sustain the program. Ideas included having Rotarians "adopt a child" for the school year. That would mean a Rotarian would fund the cost of a child in the backpack program for a school year. That cost is estimated to be around \$300 - \$350 per child per year.

Attachment to District Grant Application - Thermopolis Rotary Club

Our Rotary club membership usually runs around 30 to 35 members. Judging from the interest, I would anticipate that at least 20 to 25 of our members would participate in some way with this program. They would either commit funds to the project, adopt a child for the school year or commit their time to help gather food supplies or fill the backpacks. Our club is aware that this grant will only cover the first year of operation but we do not view this as a one year project. It will be ongoing. Our club is a very generous club; generous with their time and their resources. Therefore support will be needed from our club and the community for the subsequent years to keep the program going. We do not anticipate any problems with this.

Are other Rotarians, either local or international going to be involved in the project?

We would welcome involvement from out of town Rotarians. We would also be willing to share our project with other Rotarian clubs wishing to embark on a similar venture.

5 . **How will the general public know this is a Rotary-Sponsored project? Please provide details of the publicity plan.**

The current People for People program is widely known throughout our community and as the group embarks on their new adventure, they will publicize our Rotary Clubs participation in the program. They are excited to have our assistance. Our Rotary Club also has a great publicity chairperson (who is our President Elect) Shurie Scheel. She will make sure the media is contacted and publishes the new backpack program for our community. Another great way to allow others to donate to the program is to set up donation boxes at the local grocery stores. Rotary could assist with these donation boxes and have constant publicity on them.

Thermopolis Backpack Food Program

Budget

District 5440 Grant 2014/15

One year of **Food** Costs \$ 10,000.00

Estimate Community and our Rotary Club Support \$ (6,000.00)

Budget Request from Rotary International District Grant

\$ 4,000.00

\$1.07 per meal X 7 weekend meals = \$7.50 per weekend.
\$7.50 per weekend X 40 weeks = \$300 per child/per year.
\$300 X 100 children = \$30,000. Note the \$20,000 difference
is anticipated food donations (\$30,000 - \$10,000).

Budget Detail. These computations are used as estimates. All funds will be used for FOOD. The program will run initially for the school year (9 months or approximately 40 weeks). Students receive backpacks on Friday containing enough servings of easily prepared food to feed 1 child for the ENTIRE Weekend (7 meals).

Please Note: Our Thermopolis Rotary Club is partnering with a group of passionate volunteers to start a backpack program for our local elementary school children. Every Friday, eligible elementary students will receive their backpacks filled with food items that require little to no preparation. The backpacks will contain enough servings of easily prepared food to feed the child for the entire weekend.

The Backpack program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program and have little to no food on the weekend. Therefore, the families of the elementary school children receiving the food qualify as poverty level under the federal guidelines.

The entire budgeted amount above will be spent on FOOD. There are no administrative costs. All other services and costs are volunteered or donated.

Food will be purchased locally and from the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies.

July 29, 2014

Rotary Club of Thermopolis, Wyoming

Attn: Jacqueline Michel

RE: People for People Backpack Program

We are volunteer members of the People for People Backpack program; a local group of volunteers that provides meals for children on the weekends, during the school year. We are a non-profit organization, operating under the Episcopal Churches 501(3) c. We do fundraising to pay for the food we prepare.

The People for People Backpack Program is designed to feed school children whose families qualify for the federal Free and Reduced Meal program, and have little or no food on the weekends.

Our Goal is to STOP HUNGER. Create better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance. We know a program like this is needed in our community. We are finding that to do this program it will take about \$300.00 dollars per student per school year. Totaling approximately \$10,000 dollars a year, give or take, for just the elementary school. We will be trying to add the middle school this year which also has approximately 80 students. All funds go directly to the purchase of food ONLY. Everyone involved in this program is strictly a volunteer, and is very passionate about feeding our children. The only funds that were spent on supplies were a grant from the Thermopolis Community Fund to get totes and shelving for this purpose only.

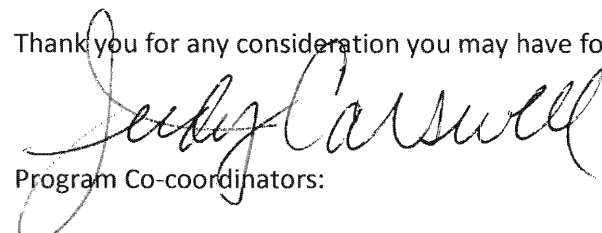
Every Friday, students receive their backpacks with staples that require little to no preparation. The Backpacks contain enough servings of easily prepared food to feed 1 child for the entire weekend.

We began our program with Ralph Witters Elementary School last fall. We started out providing meals for 100 students. We are hopes that we will be able to expand to the middle school this school year, and eventually expand in our community and we will be able to provide needed meals in all grades.

We have partnered with the Thermopolis Rotary Club and have received some donations from a few local individuals and clubs. I believe in our community.

We are also asking for Volunteer help. We will be needing volunteers to help pick up food and fill backpacks. There are also other ways you can help. You could sponsor a child. You can donate funds, food, bags or time. If you feel you can help us please contact one of us.

Thank you for any consideration you may have for our program.



Program Co-coordinators:

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