

**Rotary International
Rotary District 5340**

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

1. District Grant # (check website for #) 143
2. Name of District Grant: Dictionary Project
3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less.

The goal of the Dictionary Project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so The Rotary Club of El Cajon gives dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.

The El Cajon Rotary Club will focus on third grade students in the Cajon Valley Union School District and the Mountain Empire Union School District. Cajon Valley USD has 8 Title 1 elementary schools and Mountain Empire USD has two. El Cajon Rotary purchases books for 3rd graders in all 19 of the CVUSD elementary schools and both schools in the Mountain Empire USD. We are seeking matching grant funds for the 10 Title 1 schools.

4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:

We have been doing this project for the past eight years, so we have the project implementation part down pat.

5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?
(Check all that apply)

☒ Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.
☐ Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.
☐ Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.
☐ Club membership has increased.
☒ Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
☐ Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way
☒ Others: We have high member-participation in this project, because there is a job for everyone, whether it's counting out books for each school, inserting stickers, speaking to classes, or watching another Rotarian do the speaking.

6. Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

I don't have suggestions on how to improve the process. I just know I get very frustrated trying to maneuver my way through it on my Mac.

5. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: \$800

Amount of Club funds used in grant: \$800

Amount of other funds used in grant: 0

Total \$1600

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals: Roger Holtsclaw

April 1, 2013

Club President

Date

Alison Cummings

April 1, 2013

Club Contact for District Grant

Date