



District Grant Report 2016-2017

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District Grant # P-1520___ x Progress Report

Final Report

Rotary Club: ___Roatary Club of Steamboat Springs_____

Project Title: _RX Task Force – Narcan Funding_____

Project Description:

1. Briefly describe the project. What was or will be done and where did or will the project activities take place?

The Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs, in partnership with the Ski Town Rotary Club came together to help support the RX Task Force. Opiate narcotic abuse is becoming an epidemic within the Community of Steamboat Springs and Routt County. The Steamboat Pilot and Today newspaper reported that Rout County has seen 14 overdose deaths so far in 2016; a significant increase up from the 5 overdose deaths in both 2013 and 2014. Because of this alarming increase in opioid use in Routt County we are proposing funding of our grant request to accomplish the following:

- Purchase of 40 double dose packs of Narcan. The cost of each double dose is \$75.00. There is also a possibility of teaming up with local law enforcement agencies such as the Routt County Sheriff's office in order to get a reduced price on each dose. Such a discount would allow for more than 80 double doses to be purchased.
- Continued opioid awareness seminars hosted by local Rotarians and administered by Rx Task Force.
- Rotarian newsletter communications regarding upcoming Narcan trainings and other Rx Task Force education and outreach events.
- Support and funding to further develop our Community Harm Reduction programs in the Yampa Valley.

The RX Task Force, that was formed with the intent of helping to educate the community of the risks associated with opioid use and help to lower and prevent the number of local overdoses associated with opioid use. If funded this grant will go directly to getting the lifesaving antidote into the hands of local emergency responders as well as trained community members. The use of Narcan and the ability to train members of our community on how to identify an overdose and how to administer the life saving antidote will help to save lives within our community. Addiction always

creates interpersonal problems for all family members: conflict between partners, distancing from family, clashing with children, deep emotional trauma, and significant adverse health outcomes including unintentional death. Imagine for a moment, the social related impacts on employment, housing, education and economic viability for Northwest Colorado as more and more families fall into the affliction of an opioid addiction. Addiction is a TEAM sport and eventually all friends and family are called into play whether they want to or not. Several opioid overdose victims in our region left behind successful businesses, partners, children and friends that now flounder in the void of grief and loss. Addiction clearly destroys all aspects of a person's life and eventually impacts the entire family in ways that are unlike other common chronic diseases. Disproportionately, it would seem that our Routt County rural area has seen a dramatic increase of four times the overdose death rate when compared to 2013 Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment data.

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? (estimate if progress report) 7
3. What did or will they do? Please give at least two examples.
 - a. Primarily Rotarians have been in conversations with the RX Task Force around how these funds will best serve the community and bring positive change to our community. One of our members, Police Chief Christensen is leading conversations with other emergency service leaders in Steamboat about coordinating efforts to get Narcan in the hands of those that need it the most.
 - b. The 2nd thing that Rotarians are doing is volunteering on the RX Task Force steering committee that is helping to guide the future impact of the RX Task force in the community. By having a member of Rotary on the RX Task Force steering committee we help to determine the strategic initiatives that the task force will take on into the future.
 - c. The editor of the local newspaper is also a Rotarian and we are working on a news piece that will highlight this grant as well as the overall issue of opioid addition in Routt County. This piece will also focus on all of the other community grants that Rotary is giving out within our community each year.
4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? (estimate if progress report) TBD
 - a. This number is hard to estimate. Between providing Narcan does and also helping to facilitate future educational seminars and luncheons we are not sure how many people this will impact in our community. Each potential overdose could use between 1-4 Narcan does meaning the amount of does directly tied to this grant could vary widely. Additionally, as we move forward with the educational component of this effort it is unclear how many members of the community will attend. The goal is to help provide 4 seminars that will draw between 50-75 people each time.
5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is or will be the expected long-term community impact of this project?
 - a. The beneficiaries of this project are two fold. Directly it is folks who find themselves in the need of emergency services and Narcan.
 - b. The second is the community as a whole. Right now our community has a growing epidemic that most people are not even aware is happening. With effective collaboration of our Rotary Clubs, the RX Task Force, our Sheriff's department, the

Total project expenditures		

9. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful		
The grant process worked well		
My interaction with partner clubs was good		
We achieved the results we expected		

This project is still ongoing. It is too early to gauge the true impact and success. Based on the stakeholder organizations involved I do believe we will have a large level of success. In the end, if this grant and these efforts save even one life from an opioid overdose than it was a huge success.

10. What worked well on this project and why?

What has worked well is getting parties involved and engaged. This problem reaches across socio-economic lines and touches all areas of our community. Because of this, there is a lot of passion for this effort and a lot of collaboration around finding ways to educate our community and stop the number of overdoses that are taking place each month.

11. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

I believe that we could have done a better job of establishing a communication channel. With several parties involved there have been some miscommunications regarding the final dollar amount that would be funded as well as what the funds were being used for specifically. Speaking to each of these points specifically, there was some confusion about how much the district would match on the grant leading us to believe we were granting twice as much as we actually granted. Secondarily, the more we met with the RX Task Force the more it became clear what would have the most impact for the community. Initially it was thought that only buying Narcan would be the most beneficial. After several conversations it was determined that the most positive impact would come through both educational events as well as actually purchasing Narcan does.

12. How was this project publicized?

This project is being publicized through four different channels

- a. First is through the RX Task Force and their daily communications
- b. Second is through a newspaper article that is in the process of being composed.
- c. Third is through the daily communications of the emergency service providers of Steamboat Springs.
- d. Finally Rotary will be having the RX Task Force team present to our Club about this topic.

13. (Progress report only) What still remains to be completed on this project?

The educational component is still in the works. As we approach the summer season we will solidify dates and educational items that will help educate our community about the growing problem that opioids are causing.

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$75 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

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