

Rotary Club of Bigfork
District Grant – Project Budget (2017-2018)

Bigfork Schools Makin' Music Project

Bigfork High School has 300 students; the Junior high school has 200 students. Currently, the band program (not including choir) has over 20% of the student bodies of the two schools involved in band – this translates to about 110+ kids. There is one band teacher. *This participation in band is almost twice the national average which is fantastic!* After taking a tour with the band teacher of the in-stock instruments at the school, we became acutely aware that there is a severe shortage of instruments. Not only is there a shortage, but many of the instruments are 30 years old and sometimes 5 students are sharing one instrument throughout the day and most definitely at concerts. There are also a limited variety of instruments available. Please refer to the attached set of photographs detailing the sorry condition and disrepair of many instruments. Some students have the financial ability to rent newer instruments but many do not and have to use the school's inventory of instruments. (Approximately 40 % of Bigfork students qualify for the free and reduced food program and so obviously would not have the luxury of being able to rent a private instrument which can run about \$50+ /month depending on the instrument.) The Rotary Club of Bigfork proposes to build a program of new instruments to replace the damaged and those in disrepair to a total of approximately \$20,000 over the next couple of years which would include the District grant portion of \$5,000 used in the first year. This may also include replacement of old music stands, music and stocking items like reeds which have shorter lives.

Rotarians propose to be involved by participating in school concerts and doing presentations at school assemblies as instruments are added to the program. We will also be conveying the need to the community via Facebook campaign showing the state of the current instruments and show as replacements come in. We propose to showcase the band at a larger fundraising event. A permanent tag will be affixed on the new instrument cases showing the instrument was provided by Rotary.