

**Rotary International  
District 5400**

**Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report**

1. District Grant # (check website for #): [P-4741](#) Name of Club: Idaho Falls
2. Name of District Grant: [Backpacks for Kids](#)
3. Briefly describe your project (who did what, when and where did project activities take place?) in 100 words or less.

This project would impact program funding towards ALICE families. ALICE is Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed; essentially Idaho's working poor. Over 40% of families within the counties served, were identified as ALICE families, throughout the recovery of the pandemic. ALICE is a hardworking member of our community. ALICE is employed, but doesn't make enough to cover basic necessities. ALICE cannot always pay their bills, has little or nothing in savings, and is forced to make tough choices, such as paying childcare or paying rent. ALICE families cannot afford camps, tutoring, sports, or other activities for children. Based on the most recent information from United for Alice report on children, 1 in 3 kids between the ages of 5 and 17 in Idaho go to bed hungry. Ready. Set. GO! Is our basic needs program that was created 4 years ago based on a pilot program held at Hawthorne Elementary in District 91. The purpose of the Ready, Set, Go! program is to ensure that students have access to food, clothing, and hygiene items throughout the school year. This program helps to create equity in the classroom for the students and the confidence to be ready to learn! One component of this program is the Weekend Food Backpacks that are distributed at school sites with items that children are able to eat or prepare without adult supervision.

4. In one brief sentence: who were the beneficiaries of the grant activities and how many of them were there?

Children. This program provides healthy foods such as dairy, fruits, and vegetables as a part of their meals. Over the longer school breaks we can provide supplemental food for families to ensure students have access to nutritious foods when they are not in school via this backpack program.

5. How many Rotarians participated in the project? Briefly tell what did.

Every member in our Club participated in this project by raising the dollars for the match to this grant. Every Rotarian gave to support this project.

6. If a cooperating organization(s) other than the beneficiary was involved, what was its role?

United Way of Eastern Idaho

7. FINANCIAL SUMMARY (add rows as needed)

List all expenses, including value of donated materials and supplies	
\$ 2762 was granted via a check from the Idaho Falls Rotary Club to the United Way. The United Way then purchased the supplies for their	

backpack program. This included food as described above and school supplies along with hygiene products.	
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List all sources of revenue, including value of in-kind donations	
District Grant Funds	\$1381
Primary Club contribution	\$1381
TOTAL (must match expenses above)	\$2762

Check the following:

I have uploaded all receipts for goods purchased. Those receipts correspond to the items and amounts itemized in the list of expenses above. (For security reasons, do not upload copies of cancelled checks) – The Club wrote a check to the Senior Center providing them a grant for the purchase of to-go containers. Rotarians then provided their time to deliver the meals on a weekly basis for 4 months.

I will upload this report when I have completed it.

My typed name below certifies that the project was implemented as proposed in my application for a grant. It attests that all funds were spent in compliance with the guidelines of the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation grants.

Name of person filing this report: Catherine Smith Date: 1/14/2024

\*Progress reports are to be entered in the history log. Be brief and answer only the following questions in this order: 1. Has the project started? If so, when? And if not, when do you anticipate it to start? 2. If it has started, what is the % of completion? 3. Do you anticipate a reduction in the overall budget in excess of 20%? If yes, please explain why. 4. When do you expect the project to be finished?