

Application for District 6450 Supported Environmental Service Projects 2023-24
Mary Onorad, Environmental Service Chair
Application for the Rotary Club of Aurora United
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We want to demonstrate to our communities how Rotarians value the environment and want to create hope to save the environment for generations to come. Awards will be \$250-\$500.

To qualify for funds, your club must meet the following criteria:

- Spending must occur between July 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023
- Projects must include direct involvement/hands-on participation by Rotarians. Check writing without Rotarian participation is not permitted.
- Project must be publicized somehow – social media, print media, clubs/district websites and promote Rotary as People of Action, and Creating Hope in the World.
- Provide copies of Proof of Payment for spending to cover the grant amount (paid invoice/receipt)
- If the project is already completed after July 1, 2023, and you can provide a summary and receipts, it will be considered since we were just informed of this grant.
- When project is complete, write a summary and include photos for our District newsletter and website.

Consider collaborating with another club, your town, park district, or schools for this project. Some ideas could include stream or land clean up, recycling project, plant a native pollinator community garden, tree planting, composting, water barrels, & purchasing environmental books for a school library.

The deadline to submit is February 1, 2024. Please fill out the following information and email it to: maryonorad@gmail.com. You may call me with any questions, (630) 561-2374.

Thank you,
Mary Onorad, District 6450 Environmental Service Chair

Please include the following information for consideration:

- Project Name, dates, and timeline: **World Polio Day Commemorative Tree Planting. Planning is underway. The tree will be planted and commemorated on 10/24/23, World Polio Day.**
- Name of Club: **Aurora United**
- President and contact information: **Chris Olson, CJO1316@gmail.com, 630.701.0817**
- Environmental/Service Project Chair (if applicable) with contact information: **Rachel Ossyra, rachelmarieo@hotmail.com, 630.544.4927**
- Please describe your project and its involvement of members, the community, or other Rotary clubs: **The club will work with the Fox Valley Park District (FVPD) to plant an End Polio Now commemorative tree on October 24, World Polio Day, at Rotary Park in Aurora**

sometime in the morning, prior to the club's World Polio Day event that evening. FVPD will provide an Autumn Blaze Maple tree, an engraved bronze plaque and will dig the hole. Club members will plant the tree, mulch it in and place the dedication plaque. They will commemorate the tree with a short ceremony and tie a big purple ribbon around the tree trunk and place purple flowers at the base. The engraved plaque will say:

October 24, 2023

World Polio Day

Working to End Polio Now

Rotary Club of Aurora United

The club will take photos/video and share on social media and website. The intention would be to visit the tree every year on World Polio Day to place a purple bow and flowers as part of our annual WPD commemoration. The total cost is \$500.

- Total project budget and amount of funds requested: Total project budget \$500. Grant funds requested \$500.
- Mailing address and who to make the check payable to: Payable to: Aurora Rotary Club Foundation. Mail to: Aurora Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 5352, Aurora, IL 60507