

Describe the project, intended beneficiaries, benefits to the community.

The on-going project currently provides comprehensive oral facial care including cleft palate and lip repair to disadvantaged children in NW Mexico. Services include Dentistry, Orthodontics, audiology, speech pathology, and surgery.

This grant will provide funds to replace worn equipment as needed, installation of concrete on exterior of building to reduce dust and greatly improve over-all cleanliness standards, and purchase of equipment to improve standard of care for minor ear procedures.

Patients are not charged a fee and no one is denied service. Children in this socio-economic arena, with these medical needs, are traditionally under-served.

The Thousand Smiles Foundation was created by Rotarians from the National City, California Club over 25 years ago. The project specifically benefits the community of Ensenada, Baja California, the site of our Clinic.

Our continued efforts have helped improve the overall health of this community and the opportunity for a productive life without the misfortune of facial deformity, declining health, and poor employment opportunities.

This Grant will augment our current Clinic situation and allow us to improve and expand the scope of our care. The project will take place over one year.

How will benefiting community maintain this project after grant funding has been fully expended?

The geographic community of Ensenada, MX, will not be involved in the maintenance of this project.

There is a 25-year plus history of medical professionals and other Rotarians being actively and continuously involved in the implementation of services. These volunteers represent more than one district from the United States and D4100 from Mexico

The RC of Ensenada Centenaria will continue to maintain over-sight after this project is implemented.

The Clinic is open four weekends a year, with supplemental Clinics sandwiched in between normal sessions.

Recently a vision and eye care Clinic has started at the facility.

Specific activities of the host and international partners. What will Rotarians do during the project?

Several Rotary Clubs are active partners in this project. Partners include Rotarians from Ensenada Centenario (D4100); National City, San Diego North, La Jolla, Carlsbad, and La Jolla Golden Triangle, Brawley (D5340); Monarch Beach Sunrise (D5320).

Rotarians are involved in all phases of the Clinic, including Delivery of Care (Dental, Surgical, Audiology, Speech Pathology, Orthodontist, Ears/Nose/Throat maladies.). Treatment is extended to all family members. Rotarians and other volunteers arrange for reservation of surgical suites at

local hospitals, maintenance and transportation of all foundation-owned equipment, pre-surgical testing of all patients and all other logistical issues. Additionally, Rotarians assist in Administrative tasks Patient Registration, Patient Education, Translation, and Food Preparation for Patients, their families, and Clinical Staff.

Owner of equipment and maintenance etc.

All equipment will be owned by the Thousand Smiles Foundation. The trained Rotarians from this Foundation continue to scrutinize the serviceability of all equipment and organize the repair and replacement at appropriate times.

Training

Because the requested equipment is routinely used in Clinic practice, and all Clinicians are familiar with the items requested, on-going training will not need to be provided by the grant or TRF.

Software

Yes. In those cases where software is involved it has been provided as part of the purchase of said equipment and training for use has been obtained at the time the clinician obtained their professional training. As a consequence, this software does not impact the on-going use of the equipment or require a need for re-training.

Customs clearance

The equipment will be purchased in the U.S. and transported to Mexico. Arrangements to import this equipment will be made with the Mexican Government prior to implementation. In those cases where product and services can be obtained locally, every effort will be made to achieve this. As an example, purchase and installation of concrete on exterior of clinic, to be acquired through local/Mexican contractor.