

DISTRICT 5440  
District GRANT APPLICATION  
Revised on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Addendum to Project Submission

***Our Mission:***

*... to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.*

(Endorsed by the Council on Legislation, April 2007)

*Please print or type all information*

1. ROTARY CLUB of GILLETTE, WYOMING (ENERGY ROTARY)

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2. Briefly describe the project, its location, and its objectives.

The objective is to assist the schools and the school children of San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, by providing uniforms, shirts, pants or skirts and shoes for the elementary school children who cannot or will not go to school without a uniform. Provide backpacks for the children filled with educational supplies, such as pencils, markers, notebooks, paper, rulers, pens and other educational supplies. Provide the teachers with educational supplies, also including pens, paper, rulers, dry erase markers, (another Rotary club supplies white boards, but no makers), books, notebooks and other necessary supplies for teaching and learning. We also assist local community volunteers with painting and minor maintenance of schools, and replace doors or otherwise repair outhouses when needed at the various schools. Another feature of the grant is to pay the salaries for four "Saturday" rural school teachers at \$450 each for the year. We will be working closely with our sister Rotary Club, which we assisted in organizing, San Juan Del Sur "Rotario" Club. We will attend a club meeting and many of the local members will go with us to help with the uniform and supplies distribution, and basic school and outhouse repairs.

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ FEBRUARY 17, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Start Date (Cannot commence before grant is approved!)* *Estimated Completion Date*

2. Describe how the project will benefit the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate. Also indicate the number of people that will benefit by this project.

Currently, many of the students cannot afford a uniform to wear to school. Even though the government does not mandate that a student must wear a uniform in order to attend, the local schools prefer that all students wear uniforms. Many students will not attend if they don't have a uniform like all the rest of the children. The schools are in very bad condition and supplies are very limited (except for those that we have helped with the past several years). There are thirty-seven schools in the district and we will attempt to work on at least seven more each year. The latrines at several of the schools are in very bad shape and/or do not have proper doors. We will repair these "out-houses" and replace outhouse doors, as necessary. Also add chains to the doors, so that they may not be blown off in the wind or stolen. If there are other pressing projects, the volunteers will assist in getting those at least started, things like working on septic systems, stocking shelves at the libraries or other activities.

Teaching materials, as well as student learning materials are in very short supply. Working with the volunteer coordinator at the San Juan Del Sur Library, we will provide backpacks filled with student supplies to give to the students and also take teaching materials to the instructors at the various schools. There is a tremendous amount of need in the schools within and surrounding San Juan Del Sur. This can only help to provide students with the will to learn and to become better educated.

Grant funds will also be used to pay the salaries of four Rural "Saturday" school teachers at \$450 each for the year.

4. Describe the nonfinancial participation by sponsoring Club Rotarians in the project (i.e., How many Rotarians will be involved and what will they do?).

Before going to Nicaragua, planning will take place with the owner of the hotel and library (who is also a Rotarian in San Juan Del Sur) to determine exact time to go to San Juan Del Sur and what projects we will undertake. At least three Gillette Energy Rotary Club members will travel to Nicaragua at their own expense and will work along side the locals; painting, repairing, replacing, providing materials and supplies and doing whatever the plan with the Nicaraguans has determined. We will be taking some supplies with us, as well as paying for many of the supplies and materials to be purchased in Reyes and Managua, Nicaragua.

Are other Rotarians, either local or international, going to be involved in the project? How?

Gillette Energy Rotary Club members Laura Besler, Stefanie Crawford and Lyn Velle will definitely be attending at their own expense. We are encouraging other members to go and to take their teen-aged children or grandchildren to let them experience the culture that is so much different than their own, to expand their knowledge and to enhance their empathy for others. The Energy Rotary Club has committed \$5000 for the project. The San Juan Del Sur Rotario Club will be working along side the Gillette, Wyoming volunteers. We also hope to encourage others to attend with us this February.

5. How will the general public know this is a Rotary-sponsored project? Please provide details of the publicity plan.

**The local newspaper, the Gillette News Record has promised to do before and after articles for the newspaper. Those members who participate in the project will do a pictorial program (like a power point) for the two local Rotary Clubs, Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Several service organizations will also have programs about the project when we return. Articles and pictures will be sent to Kellie Tovar to be included in the District 5440 newsletter.**

6. Project Contact – Who in the club is the primary contact who will monitor progress, provide additional information if needed and submit the final report?

**Dr. Verlyn (Lyn) Velle**

**Gillette Energy Rotary Grants Chair**

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7. **International Projects only** – How will the club assure that the project is completed as proposed, funds spent appropriately, recognition of Rotary visible, and reports completed in a timely manner? **Invoices, bank records and other documentation is required to verify expenditures.**

All invoices, receipts and other paperwork will be provided by the project organizer, Ms. Jane Mirrandette and the project manager, Dr. Lyn Velle.

## GILLETTE ENERGY ROTARY BUDGET REQUEST

Budget for San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua  
“Supporting School Students Needs”  
Education and Literacy Project  
February 2018.

Budget Total \$9000.00

Student School Supplies (notebooks, paper, pens)	\$1000.00
Student Backpacks to carry supplies <a href="#">50@\$4.00</a>	\$1500.00
Teacher School Supplies (construction paper, pens)	\$1000.00
Shoes for Students	\$2000.00
Baggage costs for student school uniforms	\$ 200.00
Materials and supplies for school repairs/paint	\$1000.00
Rural Saturday School Teachers Salaries 4@\$450	\$1800.00
Transportation to and from Managua/SJDS	\$ 500.00

Total Project:	\$9000.00
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Please note: All volunteer expenses: airline tickets, hotels and meals will be paid by the Gillette Rotary or other volunteers themselves.