



District Grant Final Report 2019-2020

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District Grant # P-1990

Rotary Club: Fort Collins After Work

Project Title: Buddy Benches Centennial Project

Project Description:

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

Buddy Benches were placed in the community. Although the initial plan was to place them all in city parks, the city was less than easy to work with, so one was placed in Avery Park (this took over a year to implement with the legal and regulatory requirements). The additional two benches were placed in elementary schools. The school district assembled their two benches after delivery and installed them at no cost to us. Students at Centennial high school were involved in developing the plaque crediting Rotary for the benches.

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 3
3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Dave Boon contacted the city of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Dept and worked with the director to design and locate the benches

The city would only place 1 bench at this time - Avery Park (we thought we had an agreement for more)

So then June Boon contacted the Poudre School district to place the additional 2 benches.

The school district identified two schools that would be happy to have them (Putnam and Beattie Elementary Schools)

Someone worked with Centennial High School to create the Rotary Plaques for the benches, picked them up and brought them to the school district who assembled the benches and affixed the plaques.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? ___

Everyone who goes to the newly rejuvenated 17-acre Avery Park in Fort Collins and every child that attends Putnam and Beattie Elementary schools

5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The bench in Avery Park is located by the playground and every child that plays there and their parents can benefit from this bench as a place to watch their children or to simply rest after play. This park has been newly updated with new playgrounds and ball and soccer fields. Because it is labelled as a Buddy Bench the hope is it will promote friendship and inclusion in the park. It is located where it is handicapped accessible as well.

The schools that received the benches will benefit because it will promote friendships and inclusion for the children that attend now and for years into the future.

Each bench has a warranty of 50 years and is made from recycled plastics.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role?

Centennial High School for plaques

City of Fort Collins – park selection and installation

Poudre School District for assembly and installation at the elementary schools

7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Rotary After Work	524.00
District Matching Grant	1000.00

8. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
1 - Pilot Rock 10/16/17	Inv # 169513	500.00	508.00
2 – Pilot Rock 5/6/18	Inv # 124137EM-2	1000.00	1031.55
Total project expenditures			1539.55

9. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

Prices went up and the previous cost of benches had a bulk discount which was not accounted for in these few benches

10. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	The city was difficult to work with but it got done
The grant process worked well	5	Thanks for your patience
My interaction with partner clubs was good	NA	
We achieved the results we expected	5	Everyone is happy

11. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

yes

12. What worked well on this project and why?

The school district and principles of each school were so excited about these benches. It was great to hear back that the children and teachers loved them.

13. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

Legalities and regulations regarding appearance and structure was difficult with too many cooks in the kitchen when working with the City. I am not sure the process can be improved from our side of things, but perhaps the city will be more receptive after this successful placement. The Parks and Rec board approved this for 8 – 10 benches over time and then once the city itself got involved it became difficult.

14. How was this project publicized?

Avery Park had a grand opening event on August 3, 2017. Schools – I am not sure it was.

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments
Buddy bench	10/16/17	508.00	Avery Park	
Buddy benches	5/6/18	1031.55	Beattie and Putnam Elementary schools	

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact

J Boon

Date:

11/22/19

Print name

Jane Boon

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