

2021 – 2022 District Grant Final Report

Final reports are due within 30 days of the project ending, and no later than June 1, 2022. Please complete this form by filling in the fields below. You must also provide a scanned copy of valid Proof of Payment (PoP) for all expenses listed. Acceptable PoPs include: cancelled checks, bank statements, bonafide itemized receipts. Once you have completed the report, please save it as a pdf document at <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/> on the Documents tab of the project page before clicking the "Reported" button on the Administration page.

Rotary Club _Lemont Homer Glen_____ **District Grant #** _DG2230202_____

Project Title _Pollinator Garden_____

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? List any changes that might have occurred. **Our original plan was to partner with the Lemont Park District on a new park in the downtown area. The park was put on hold due to permitting issues. We changed our project to are seeding and planting event with The Forge, a public / private partnership along the I&M Canal. The Forge is committed to recovering the area from invasive plant species and planting and seeding with trees and plants that are local. Our partnership included a total of \$911 in funding (\$411 from the grant and \$500 from club funds). \$500 went to support the Earth Day event which included removing invasive species as well as several educational events. \$411 is going to purchase seedlings and plants for the planting event. Mark Pawlak, President Elect of our club, presented a beekeeping demonstration at the Earth Day Event. Up to 6 members plan to take part in the seeding and planting event. Due to weather and the amount of invasive species that need to be removed the planting area was not ready for the event day, which was planned for May 15. The planting and seeding event is being rescheduled for fall when the next planting season is available.**
2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? **6 Rotarians are scheduled to take part in the event by the time it is completed.**
3. What did they do? Please give at least 2 examples. **Mark Pawlak presented a beekeeping seminar at the Earth Day event. Ben Dykstra worked with The Forge to build the partnership for this event and participated in the Earth Day portion of the event. Four Rotarians had scheduled to take part in the seeding and planting event on the original day. We are hoping to increase that to 6 for the rescheduled event.**
4. How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project? **The number of beneficiaries is difficult to count. Anyone taking part in events at The Forge (thousands in a season) will benefit from the aesthetics from the seedings and plantings. The I&M Canal Corridor will benefit from removal of invasive species and the planting of native species. Anyone walking, biking, canoeing or kayaking in the area will benefit.**
5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? **The planned event will improve the aesthetics of the area short and long term. The event calls the community's attention to the problem of invasive species and what people can do to help eradicate these invaders and return the area to it's natural state. Rotary of Lemont Homer Glen has been partnering with The Forge, the City and the Park District to assist in making our community more environmentally friendly and we will continue this commitment. Years from now our children and grandchildren will be able to better enjoy the I&M Heritage Trail because of our efforts here.**
6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? **This event is a partnership with The Forge of Lemont. The project is on their grounds and is a small part of their ongoing efforts in environmental responsibility. Rotary is the sponsoring organization for this event, which is promoted by The Forge.**
7. How did you share the news of your project? **We shared news of this project on our Rotary website and on The Forge website. We advertised the event in The Patch local newspaper. Since the event is rescheduled for Fall we will again use social media, websites and local papers to promote the event.**

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Financial Summary – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

8.	<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	District Grant funds received	_\$411	_____
	Club contribution	_\$500	_____
	Other funding (specify)		_____
	Total Project Income	_\$911	_____

9. Actual Expenditures Valid Proof of Payment must be saved in pdf on <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_2/8/2022	_Earth Day celebration	The Forge_____	_\$500_____
_6/7/2022	_Seedling purchase*_____	The Forge_____	_\$411_____
_____	*seedling purchase was funded to The Forge. Seedlings will be purchased just prior to the event, which is currently scheduled to take place in September.		
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_____	_____	_____	_____
	Total Project Expenditures		_\$911_____

By completing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge my Club has abided by the District Grants Program Details as set forth by Rotary International District 6450 and is in compliance with The Rotary Foundation Grants Terms and Conditions. Any deviation may result in a requirement to return District Funds. 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 in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in 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 RI and TRF.

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