The Lander Rotary Club is seeking approval for different beneficiaries than those originally specified in its district grant, G-5700, for matching grants. The club members originally planned to give Bags of Comfort to girls at the County Girls Home. The home ran into management and operational problems, and it does not currently have the population to complete the project. Two club members suggested other recipients. Information about these recipients is below. Lander Rotary would like to continue the sharing of Bags of Comfort and Hope with the following groups. Bags will be allocated based on the number of girls served by each organization.

The Fremont County Department of Family Services Foster Care program has two social workers who are called when youth are in crisis and being removed from a home, according to D'Ann Nelson, Foster Care Coordinator/Fremont County. Our Rotary club has an ongoing relationship with DFS, providing funding and volunteer service hours to support the Foster Care Clothing Closet.

When children/youth are removed from a home, they typically have the clothes on their backs. The Bags of Comfort and Hope project would provide a direct message of comfort and hope to girls undergoing this crisis. Janet Seely, club member, reviewed the Bags of Comfort and Hope and the supportive contents therein with D'Ann. D'Ann believes the bags would be beneficial to the girls in these crisis situations.

Sacred Child - serving all children on the Wind River Reservation. The children served are placed at the shelter when no other option is available. They have been victims of abuse - physical, sexual or neglect. They also may have trauma from observing IPV, or substance abuse in their home.
They commonly arrive with nothing but the clothes on their back.

Wind River Cares Victim Services- serves all children on the Wind River Reservation. The children served by Victim Services have been victims of trauma, displacement, and/or abuse. They are often placed in foster care or guardianship with a family member. Due to their trauma, it is often unlikely that they have any of their personal possessions with them.

Eastern Shoshone DFS program – The director of this program identified the need for adolescents who are often victims of trauma, whether personally or by observing IPV and/or substance use. They have bags for younger children, but they don't have the hygiene or hair products. She was very excited about the Comfort and Hope duffles to provide for these adolescents and help alleviate some of the trauma in their lives.

Dr. Jackie Nelson, M.D.I discussed the items in the bags with all of the above organizations on the reservations and program administrators believe that the Comfort and Hope Duffle bags would be hugely helpful for these young women/girls transitioning in a time of turmoil.