

Roswell Rotary Club

Guidelines for Charitable Giving

Statement of Purpose

As an integral part of the Roswell community, and in keeping with our mission of "Service Above Self", Roswell Rotary continues to place great importance on our role in helping to support local charitable activities that have a direct, measurable and positive impact on the families and neighborhoods within our reach.

Roswell is a caring community and its citizens have a reputation for rising to meet the needs of those in our midst who could use some form of assistance. Roswell Rotary is proud to help champion many such causes, but there are often more requests for financial assistance than can be met by our limited resources.

In an effort to be good stewards of the monies entrusted to us by our members and by the community at large, Roswell Rotary has established certain guiding principles to help us maximize the impact and focus our support to the community organizations that best fulfill our mission.

Source of Funds

It is important for recipients of our grants to understand that Roswell Rotary has only one major fund raiser each year. Proceeds from our Aubrey Greenway Annual Golf and Bob Hagan Classic Tennis Tournaments fund the club's charitable giving. The success of that tournament directly impacts our ability to partner with local charities.

In making allocations of our charity dollars to various organizations, approval of grants is based primarily on (1) the compatibility of the organization's mission with that of our club, (2) the impact of their work in the community and (3) their stewardship in the use of their funds.

However, one additional consideration for grants is the capability of the organization to encourage and support our golf tournament. Our grants should foster an opportunity for the leadership, donors and staff of a constituent charity to look for ways to help us in our efforts to make the golf tournament a success; including participation, sponsorships, auction items, etc. It is also important that the organization's efforts to raise funds independently not conflict with the timing of our tournament (always held in mid September) such that requests for money and resources might dilute our efforts during this critical fund raising effort.

Selection of Charities and Levels of Support

Nothing is more difficult than say 'No' to a funding application from a worthy cause. So in our efforts to give fair and equal standing to all applicants, the Roswell Rotary Charity Committee has established certain guidelines to help inform our funding decisions:

Compliance It is our policy to generally limit charity contributions to established non-profit organizations that qualify under the 501(c)(3) IRS tax code. Generally, grants to individuals (except for scholarships) will not be approved.

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All organizations requesting a grant will be required to submit a complete application as found on our Roswell Rotary website www.roswellrotary.com . Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant and the approval process delayed.

Even those organizations that have received grants in the past will be required to submit an updated and complete application each year, when making a grant request.

Target The Roswell Rotary seeks to fund community based projects and organizations “that have a direct, measurable and positive impact on the families and neighborhoods within our reach”. Priority will be given to those operating in and supporting needs within the city limits of Roswell or secondarily to those impacting needs that extend to adjacent communities.

Who Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. Those who reflect the Rotary motto of "service above self" and echo our four-way test as follows:

The Rotarian's 4-way Test

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

When Applications for grants should be submitted to the committee December 1st.

Measure All recipients of funds or grants from Roswell Rotary are requested to report back on the use of those funds and the outcome of the designated project. This report will be critical in determining future grants to the requesting organization.

Use Funds are intended for use for the organization’s missions. Funds are not provided for sponsorships, tickets to events, etc. An organization may, however, choose to recognize Roswell Rotary as a sponsor level partner in publications.