

**MERRITT ROTARY CLUB**

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND EVENTS FUNDING APPLICATION**

Please complete this form and attach any pages if you require more space or if you have further information to provide that would be helpful in your application.

**GROUP/ORGANIZATION NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CONTACT:**

**PHONE NUMBER(S)**

**E-Mail:**

**ROTARY CLUB MEMBER CONTACT:**

**PROJECT OR EVENT INFORMATION:**

Please attach a brief description of the proposed initiative detailing your plans including goals, objectives, and importance to the community.

**PROJECT START DATE:**

**AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED:**

**TOTAL FUND-RAISING GOAL:**

**Has your group received funding from Rotary in the past?**

**Yes      No                      If yes, what year(s)?**

Please outline other sources of income (fees, grants, etc.) and any efforts or methods of fund-raising that the group or organization has undertaken or will undertake for the purpose indicated above:

**SIGNED:**

**DATE:**

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### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

*A guide to the Merritt Rotary Club's Community Projects and Events Funding Criteria, Eligibility, Process, and Checklist*

All applicants are encouraged to read this publication before completing a Funding Application Form.

#### **About Rotary**

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto *Service Above Self*, Rotary's main objective is service; in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

#### **Mission**

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

#### **The Four Way Test**

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

- i.) Is it the TRUTH?
- ii.) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- iii.) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- iv.) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### **Source of Funding**

The Rotary Club of Merritt has a membership of committed individuals. Each year the club raises funds through its many activities in the community which include:

- i.) The Annual Rotary Indoor Golf Classic;
- ii.) The Rotary Radio Auction
- iii.) The Friends of Rotary Golf Tournament.

#### **Objectives of the Community Projects and Events Budget**

The objective of the Community Projects and Events budget is to identify, promote and monitor suitable projects and initiatives in Merritt and surrounding communities which merit support by the Rotary Club of Merritt.

### **The Goals of the Community Projects and Events Budget:**

- i.) To improve life, participate in common purpose programs, activities, and opportunities with emphasis on early stage, short-term “seed money” needs;
- ii.) To foster interaction between the club and the residents of the Nicola Valley;
- iii.) To create/enhance a positive image of Rotary.

### **Funding Criteria**

Funding priorities include:

- Health and Wellness
- Education and Literacy
- Community Development (encompassing, as an example, youth, the elderly and society’s disadvantaged populations)

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- The applicant will be community based, volunteer driven, charitable or not-for-profit organization.
- Applicants will demonstrate commitment to the project through the investment of their own funds and resources.
- Collaborative partnerships are desirable where possible.
- The project will build on community strengths and assets, utilizing community skills, knowledge, and experience as appropriate.
- In addition to completing Funding application forms, a successful applicant will be required to submit a final report providing a results oriented summary of the initiative and verification that the funding was used for the approved purpose.
- The successful applicant will be required to recognize the Rotary Club of Merritt’s support for the initiative, both to its membership and the public, in a manner approved by the Rotary Club of Merritt.

### **Not Eligible for Funding**

Those funding applications for the following purposes will not be supported:

- Current operating expenses, deficits, for-profit activities, political activities, and retroactive requests
- Initiatives that require Rotary funding on a continuing annual basis. This does not preclude the applicant from making new and different submissions each year.