

LOCAL INITIATIVES POLICY

MOTION: To establish a fund to support and encourage local initiatives consistent with Lawrence Central Rotary priorities

The Lawrence Central Rotary (LCR) establishes a fund for small grants to be awarded to support and encourage local projects that address club priorities:

- promoting a robust downtown
- encouraging health and wellness
- addressing one of Rotary's Areas of Focus (Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies)

Money will be set aside annually for this purpose at the discretion of the membership. The dollar amount will be established during the budgeting process at the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

Applications for these funds must be made in writing to the Vice-President following the procedure established by the Lawrence Central Rotary. Grant criteria, guidelines, and an application form will be posted on the LCR website.

Awards will be made at the recommendation of a review committee comprised of the LCR Vice-President, the chair of the LCR Community Projects Committee, and one other LCR member who agrees to serve.

Applications may be made at any time during the fiscal year. They will be collected and evaluated twice each year. The deadlines for an application to be considered are November 1 and April 1; decisions will be made within forty-five days after the deadlines. Money may be disbursed until the designated funds are gone. At the committee's discretion, no awards may be made in a given fiscal year.

Applicants must agree to report back to Lawrence Central Rotary about the initiative and its success.