

Rotary Club of Ambler Community Grants

About Community Grants

Our basic criteria for grants distribution are as follows. Grant moneys must:

- Help the Greater Ambler community (which includes Ambler, Lower Gwynedd, Whitpain and Upper Dublin Townships) in some demonstrable way.
- Go toward funding specific projects and not operating expenses.
- Result in the improvement of quality of life in the Greater Ambler community
- Touch as many people as possible

How to Apply

We will be accepting grant applications twice during the year:

1st – August 1 – September 30

2nd – February 1 – March 31

We will then evaluate the grant requests and distribute the funds as follows:

1st – During November and December

2nd – During May and June

The Rotary Club of Ambler invites any 501 (C)3 non-profit organization as well as any Governmental entity to submit a proposal for funding donations. Past considerations have been granted to the following organizations: Wissahickon Fire Company, Ambler Main Street, Wissahickon Water Shed, Ambler YMCA and [others as listed here](#). We will consider each proposal and will respond within 60 days or less of your submission if your proposal was accepted, needs additional information or rejected. The club reserves the rights to consider any request outside the entities listed above as well as maintains the rights to accept or deny any proposal.

Submission

You may [apply for a grant online](#) using the online application as your template. Please complete your information when making a grant request. It is important to fill in all boxes to give us a complete picture of your organization's history and nature of your request, along with other vital information. Please keep your answers as short as possible as we generally have many request to review. **Please keep all answers under 100 words.**

We prefer you submit all [Grant Applications Online](#) via our website (www.amblerrotary.org) so we can electronically distribute the application to our committee members. However, we are providing the materials here to assist in your preparations for application.

Rotary Club of Ambler Community Grants Frequently Asked Questions

Does our organization have to be located in Ambler proper?

No, but the work funded by the grant needs to be done for the benefit of the citizens of the Greater Ambler area, (as defined earlier). One of the main goals of our grants is to better the quality of life for the citizens of the Greater Ambler area. As the Greater Ambler Area is our designated Rotary service area we are restricted to disburse funds within this area.

Do we need to be incorporated as a non-profit?

Usually yes, our granting process requires that you are, under most circumstances, a Tax exempt 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, or Governmental entity i.e. Police Departments, etc. Some preference or consideration will be given to projects where Rotary's funds will be matched by funds from other local organizations. Under certain circumstances we will consider other non-charitable requests.

Can we apply as a regional branch of a national organization?

Grants from The Rotary Club of Ambler are to benefit citizens of the Greater Ambler (as defined earlier). As long as that criterion is met, the location of the organization's headquarters will not be an issue. It is less important that an organization is headquartered in Greater Ambler than that the service work it is doing for the citizens of the Greater Ambler area. Other Rotary Clubs may offer grants within their service areas. There are over 35,000 Rotary Clubs in the world.

Is there a cost for the application?

No.

When is the best time to apply?

You must apply between August 1 – September 30 or February 1 – March 31. Our Grants Committee will review each and every application and forward to our Board of Directors along with recommendations from the Grants Committee.

Do you give to the same organizations every year or does that change?

The roster of organizations receiving funds may change every year, although some organizations do receive grants in multiple years.

How much should I ask for?

We have awarded individual grants from \$500 to several thousand dollars. Projects that do the most good for the most people are the ones generally favored by the Grant Committee. Please detail in

your application how the funds you request will be used. Be specific about your request and be aware we cannot always fund the total amount you may request.

How do we find out if we received a grant?

We make every effort to notify grant applicants by mail or e-mail depending on how their submission was made.

How many grants may we submit?

If you have different projects that require funding, you may submit more than one grant application. We look for projects that help as many people in our Greater Ambler Area as possible.

Will you follow-up on our grant use after funding?

Yes, you may be contacted by a Rotarian to review progress. It is important that the funds we distribute are used for the requests made. Therefore, various Ambler Rotarians may be assigned to your organization for a follow-up call or visit.



Community Grant Application

Please note in most cases organizations should submit a 501 (C) 3 letter of determination for the application to be considered. We will consider non-charitable grants requests.

We prefer you submit all applications via our website (www.amblerrotary.org). However, if you are unable to complete the application online you may complete the form below and email to: grants@amblerrotary.org.

TYPE or PRINT LEGILIBLY

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ EIN #: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Are you are a 501 (C) 3? _____

How will the proceeds be used for - be specific about the project? (Please limit to 100 words or less)

Describe and define the group who will benefit from the funds (Please limit to 100 words or less)

How will they benefit? *(Please limit to 100 words or less)*

Tell us a little about the history of your group *(Please limit to 100 words or less)*

Board of directors - does your organization have a board of directors, and if so, list their names

Have you ever received a Grant before? If so what year(s)

Do you have any affiliation with the Ambler Rotary Club, and if so with whom?

Please attach your 501 (C) 3 Certificate and any supporting documentation with this application.