

Charitable Contribution Guidelines

The vision of the Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club is that every dollar given should make a difference in the life of one person or the lives of many. The giving we do shall be impactful and meaningful to the club and to the recipient. The contribution should support the Rotary Core Value, "Service Above Self."

The Committee:

The Libertyville Sunrise Rotary charitable giving committee should consist of a maximum of seven members. The President, The President Elect and the Foundation Treasurer should be three of the members with the balance of members chosen by the President. The president will choose the chair of the committee while also trying to maintain consistency and experience when selecting committee members.

General Guidelines:

Organizations are qualified 501©3 organizations.

Have Administrative Costs, including fundraising, that are below 30%.

Some charities raise considerable dollars where the impact of our donation is minimal. In those case a specific project can be identified and considered for funding.

Can demonstrate an economic impact on the community it serves.

Can demonstrate improvement in many people's quality of life regarding health, poverty, literacy, education, safety, and vocational development.

Have a solid volunteer base. Promotes Rotary, its core values and provides recognition for Rotary in a demonstrative way.

Enriches the lives of those being served and gratifies those doing the service.

The primary focus should be the Lake County community.

Considerations:

Are Rotarians actively involved in the organization?

Are there opportunities for Rotarians to give their time, talent, or other resources to help their success.

Will the organization help promote the club's fundraising activities?

Is the organization endorsed by a member of the club?

Reporting:

If a project approved by the Committee will require more than one year of funding than the receiving organization will need to provide the following:

Outline of how the funds were used.

Impact of the funding on the organization

Progress report on the project with the original objectives.

Photographs if possible.

A new request for funding will still be required each year.

Certain organizations/projects could be determined exempt from reporting as decided by the committee in special situations.

When Grants will not be awarded:

To non 501©3 organizations or individuals.

To political organizations

To government entities outside of the Libertyville community.

To entities that redistribute funds to other organizations

To projects that have an individual focus or gain vs. serving the community

To large Scale National Organizations unless for specific identifiable projects.

For purchase of tickets to Charitable Events.

To projects which require Rotarians to work in an event to assist in raising funds.

International Projects:

The committee will determine the amount that would be allocated to international projects for the funding cycle. International projects will have their own guidelines and be approved by the Board.

Applications:

All organizations must complete an application.

Applications should be returned by May 1st, unless extended by the Board.

Distributions should be approved by June 30th, unless extended by the Board.