

ROTARY CLUB OF MEADVILLE

2026 Grant Program Guidelines

The Rotary Club of Meadville Grants Program is designed to promote the general welfare, health, and educational goals of Rotary International and our local club. All supported programs must demonstrate benefits that are open to all members of the community as a whole, or a large segment in need, and will improve community members' lives.

- The grants program was created and shall be operated exclusively for not-for-profit organizations in the Meadville, PA, area. Applicants must currently be tax exempt under Section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code. We do not award grants to private foundations, governmental agencies & political groups. Applications from faith-based organizations are accepted. However, the program or project for which the application is made must not promote any religious agenda or favor one religious viewpoint over another.
- The total amount for disbursement for the 2026 Grants Program will be up to \$10,000.00. Projects eligible for funding include new capital or equipment needs, capital improvements, one-time expenses, or program start-up.
- Only one application per organization is permitted. Only the two (2) page Rotary grant application will be considered. No additional information will be accepted. Grant applications are being accepted March 27th through May 8th with grant selections being made in mid May, 2026.
- The grant(s) will be awarded in May or June at a Rotary Club meeting. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm in the Lingo Dining Room at Wesbury's Retirement Community, 31 Park Ave., Meadville, PA. Recipients must be present to receive the grant. Recipients may also be asked to review the project's success at a future Rotary meeting.
- Successful grant recipients will be required to volunteer for one shift at our Fair Booth at the Crawford County Fair in August. All grant applicants are encouraged to volunteer as the help is much appreciated. A sign-up sheet for the fair booth will be available electronically and emailed to you in July.
- To request an application, contact Deana Burge at dburge@bethesda1919.org or 814-724-7510, #230. Applications are also available at the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation website at www.crawfordheritage.org.
- Completed applications can be emailed to dburge@bethesda1919.org or mailed to Deana Burge, c/o Bethesda Lutheran Services, 15487 State Hwy 86, Meadville, PA 16335 and received no later than May 8, 2026. Don't forget to include a copy of your non-profit determination letter.