



District Grant Final Report 2023-2024

This report must be completed and uploaded on matchinggrants.org within 30 days after completion of the project but no later than 2 years after the date of approval of the project. For scholarships, the report is due 30 days after payment of funds.

District Grant # P-4570

Rotary Club: **Greeley Centennial**

Project Title: **Afghani Refugees**

Project Description:

1. **Is this a scholarship governor's grant report?** Yes No (If yes, go directly to line 16)
2. **Briefly describe the project.** What was done and where did the project activities take place?
Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

Application Narrative: Since 2021, the United States has evacuated nearly 100,000 Afghani refugees at the conclusion of our war on terror in Afghanistan. Many of these refugees worked for the U.S. government during the war and are targets for the Taliban. This evacuation was part of the U.S. "Operation Allies Refuge." According to Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, "Current and former Afghan translators, interpreters, and others who have worked with the US government in Afghanistan are facing deadly danger as the US drawdown continues and the Taliban reclaims territory once controlled by Afghan and coalition forces. The Special Immigrant Visa, or SIV, program allows Afghans who work or worked "by or on behalf of the U.S. government in Afghanistan," as well as family members, to qualify for visas and lawful permanent resident status in the US" (<https://www.lfsrm.org/afghan-refugees/>).

There are many Afghani refugees who have recently immigrated through the immigrant and refugee center in the Colorado Springs area. Our club has offered local support in the last year with modest needs of some of these refugees, including purchasing small kitchen appliances and cookware, and we would like to continue doing more.

Describe the benefit to the community and/or improve lives:

This project will primarily support the area of focus of Rotary International of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. Providing essential resources for 1-2 local refugee families displaced as a result of conflict will help them provide for some basic needs for their children and spouses.

Sustainability:

We have established relationships in the Colorado Springs area within the past year to identify and support a couple of Afghani families who have recently immigrated to the U.S. We will seek to continue to build relationships with organizations, such as Lutheran Family Services, to ensure our support goes to families in need and that these refugee families have a local network of support.

Active Rotarian Involvement:

The Greeley Centennial Rotary Club has been active in collaborating with agencies in Colorado Springs to understand the current needs, educate our club members, and provide support to help the refugees successfully transition to their new lives in the U.S.

Total Project Budget: \$450.00

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? Three Rotarians coordinated efforts with this project.

4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Rotarians Marlin Frank, Matt Thompson, and Mike Nichols (Greeley Centennial Rotary) were instrumental with their club’s committee in grant writing and progress monitoring the project. Marlin Frank was our primary liaison in communication with our Lutheran Family Services counterparts to receive project updates, including pictures and receipts. This included reestablishing contact with the agency during a staffing change and loss of communication. Mike Nichols was also instrumental in purchasing and delivering requested supplies and materials.

5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

Approximately 8 non-Rotarians benefited from this project.

6. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The immediate beneficiaries of this project include the Afghani refugees and their families. Having access to basic living supplies, such as bedding, household appliances, and a computer will enable these individuals to be better prepared to acclimate to life in the United States, including finding gainful employment and furthering their education.

7. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role?

Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountain Region (LFSRMR) was instrumental in helping us connect with refugees in the Colorado Springs and Greeley areas, as they operate a refugee and asylee center and have access to refugees and asylees.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
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Greeley Centennial Rotary Match	\$150.00
District 5440 Match	\$300.00
Additional Greeley Centennial Rotary Funds	\$109.19
Total Project Income	\$559.19

9. **Expenditures:** (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

Item #	Description	Total
1	Walmart Receipt for Vacuum Cleaner	\$ 80.41
2	Walmart Receipt for HP Chromebook	\$257.83
3	Amazon Receipt for Pillows	\$220.95
Total Expenses		\$559.19

10. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

At the conclusion of the grant, a final item was discussed to purchase for a 23-year-old Afghani refugee who had requested a Chromebook to aid in job location assistance and in starting classes at our local community college. While the needed funds exceeded the remaining funds available from the grant, our World Community Service committee approved the additional funds to be able to purchase the Chromebook. This also included service plans for the Chromebook and another electronic household appliance.

Greeley Centennial Rotary and District 5440 initially put forth \$450.00 for this project. An additional \$109.19 was provided by our committee to ensure the final project recipient was able to receive what was needed. A revised budget has been uploaded to the matchinggrants.org website to reflect this difference.

11. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	4	Completed with positive results.
The grant process worked well	5	As always!
My interaction with partner clubs was good	3	N/A
We achieved the results we expected	4	The project was beneficial to refugees in our area. Communication was impeded due to changes with LFSRMR staff.

12. **Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab?** Yes

13. **What worked well on this project and why?**

This small project was successful as it helped to support the needs of a vulnerable population along the Front Range as they work to get adjusted to their new lives in the United States. This project also helped engage some Rotarians with boots on the ground who normally are quietly behind the scenes. The grant writing process is well understood and went well, too.

14. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

LFSRMR experienced staffing changes during our implementation of the grant. Thus, it took multiple attempts over many months to reestablish contact with the agency. Ultimately, the Colorado Springs office redirected our club members to the Greeley office, as the priorities in the Colorado Springs office changed due to staffing and changing demographics. This newly formed relationship in Greeley proved to be successful and helped us bring this project to an end. Future ideas for improving this type of situation for occurring in the future would be to secure contact information for an alternate contact or supervisor prior to starting implementation.

An additional shift from our initial plan was the influx of refugees from Ukraine. In addition to Afghan refugees, one individual from Ukraine and her children also benefitted from this grant.

15. How was this project publicized?

One presentation has been made with our Greeley Centennial Rotary club to provide information about the project to club members in spring 2024. A project completion presentation will be made with our Greeley Centennial Rotary club later this winter as part of a twice annual update to club members. Efforts are ongoing to have donation information shared on the LFSRMR website.

16. Scholarship Governor’s grant only N/A

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Initial Destination/ Location	Comments
N/A				

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District’s and RI’s

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Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact:

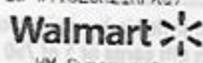
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Thompson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Date: 12/10/2023

Print name: **Matt Thompson**

Expenditures: Receipts #1 & #2: Walmart Vacuum and HP Chromebook (\$80.41 and \$257.83)

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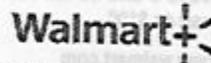
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970-353-4231 Mgr: CLIFF
920 47TH AVE
GREELEY CO 80634
ST# 05051 OP# 009032 TE# 32 TR# 02771

ITEMS SOLD 1
TC# 5806 9252 7975 7568 9633



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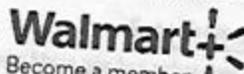
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Expenditures: Receipt #3: Amazon Pillows (\$220.95)



Final Details for Order #111-2454883-2154621

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Order Placed: October 24, 2022
Amazon.com order number: 111-2454883-2154621
Order Total: \$220.95

Shipped on October 25, 2022

Items Ordered

3 of: *EIUE Bed Pillows for Sleeping 4 Pack Queen Size, Pillows for Side and Back Sleepers, Super Soft Down Alternative Microfiber Filled Pillows, 20 x 30 Inches*

Price
\$33.99

Sold by: fastwoo ([seller profile](#))
Supplied by: Other

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Jason Jones
1515 N CASCADE AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907-7406
United States

Shipping Speed:

FREE Prime Delivery

Shipped on October 25, 2022

Items Ordered

3 of: *EIUE Bed Pillows for Sleeping 4 Pack Queen Size, Pillows for Side and Back Sleepers, Super Soft Down Alternative Microfiber Filled Pillows, 20 x 30 Inches*

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1515 N CASCADE AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907-7406
United States

Shipping Speed:

FREE Prime Delivery

Payment information

Payment Method:

Visa ending in

Item(s) Subtotal: \$203.94
Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Billing address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
GREELEY, CO 80631-8150
United States

Total before tax: \$203.94
Estimated tax to be collected: \$16.74
CO Retail Delivery Fees \$0.27

Grand Total:\$220.95

Credit Card transactions

Visa ending in [REDACTED] October 25, 2022:\$220.95

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