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Anchorage East Rotary Club Small Grants Application

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1. What is the dollar amount of your request?

\$2,500

2. Please tell us a little about your organization and service mission to the community. You may attach additional sheets or material you have readily available.

Anchorage Park Foundation builds healthy parks and healthy people by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation. We work in the space between local government and the people of Anchorage to improve the wellbeing of our community and make Anchorage a great place to live. We bring many partners together to build community and remove barriers so that all residents and visitors, regardless of income, ethnicity, or special needs, benefit from a connected and accessible park and trail system.

3. What will the grant funds be used for? Please be as specific as possible (attach extra sheets if necessary)

Funding received from Rotary Club of East Anchorage would be used to cover costs associated with student transportation, food, and safety supplies for the Anchorage Park Foundation's Outdoor School in Parks program. Outdoor School in Parks is a popular experiential learning program offered to Anchorage School District 5th grade students from Title 1 elementary schools. This immersive program focuses on place, engaging students directly with their physical environment, local culture, history, and people. Students learn about forest ecology, local climate impacts, invasive species, stream ecology, renewable energy, and wildlife safety at

field study stations led by more than a dozen state, local, and federal organizations. Each student will participate in a stewardship activity, such as planting a native seedling tree, removing invasive species, or removing litter.

- Healthy snacks \$250/school X 4 schools = \$1,000
 - Many students served struggle with food insecurity. Providing food removes this barrier allowing students to focus and fully participate in the program.
- Bus fee \$800 for one week of programming if needed.
 - Most students can safely walk to a nearby park. However, sometimes spring snowmelt causes challenging conditions, presence of wildlife (moose), or other safety hazards make hiring a bus to transport students the short distance necessary.
- Safety supplies = \$700

No

- A case each of hand and foot warmers = \$150
- Youth warm socks, gloves, waterproof winter boots, snow pants, coats \$250
- 1 additional first aid kits & replacement supplies = \$100
- \circ 2 handheld radios for communicating among program leaders when students are spread out in groups \$100 each x 2 = \$200.
- 4. Exactly who will be served by this grant? How many people will benefit?

Funding from this grant would directly benefit 240 youth that attend public elementary schools on the East side of Anchorage. The youth participating in the Outdoor School program will be from Fairview, Susitna, Williwaw, and the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, all of which are Title 1 schools in low-income neighborhoods.

- 5. Will you be billing anyone for the use of the assets purchased with the grant funds? If so, who?
- 6. Why is this money not available or budgeted in your normal annual budget process?

Funding for bussing, food, and safety supplies are budgeted. However, they are difficult to secure funding for, especially food since many grants do not cover these costs.

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7. If this is a capital item, how are you going to provide ongoing maintenance?

No

8. What effort is the agency putting forth, or willing to put forth, to accomplish this project? Are there "sweat equity" contributions, volunteer contributions or matching funds available?

The Anchorage Park Foundation has invested a significant amount of staff time in this program. We have also secured grant funding and recruited several volunteers from the community to help.

9. Is this grant sufficient to complete the project? If not, what are your plans to secure the necessary funding?

Yes

10. Are you an "Exempt Organization" as defined by the Internal Revenue Service? If so, under which Code Section?

Yes, 501c3

11. If you are an IRS defined "Exempt Organization", when was the last time your organization had an audit? Please attach copy of most current audit.

2022

12. If you are an IRS defined "Exempt Organization", and do not have audited financial statements: Please attach a copy of the organization's financial statements for the most recent year-end, and a copy of the most recently filed Form 990 (or 990EZ).

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the attached grant application and all attachments are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have the authority to bind the organization to the Rotary Small Grant rules and, if funded, will do so.

Signature

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