

District Grant Application

Proposed Projects for 2024-2025

1. Ensenada, Mexico Dental and Eye Clinic - \$6,500

This is an international project that our members can drive to. It is an annual project. The Clinic provides dental and eye care to underserved children in rural parts of Ensenada, Mexico. Approximately \$50,000 in services is provided for each clinic and each clinic has about 200 children and adults. Our local partner is the Rotary Club Ensenada Calafia, Mexico (Ensenada Club). Dental Care for Children provides dental services. Manteca Optometric provides eye care. Children from the local school and community attend the dental clinic. Their parents, family and friends attend the eye clinic. Local and U.S. Rotarians, Interactors, exchange students, dental students from USC and Loma Linda, local and US dentists and the community all attend and participate. It is important for all to have health care, dental work and vision care. We create goodwill, make friends and create an opportunity for a more peaceful world and community.

The project has two Clinic dates, October 2024 and March 2025. The Ensenada Club selects a school in an underserved part of Ensenada and helps with all the local logistics. The Ensenada Club provides volunteers for the day and identifies a hands-on project for the day. The Ensenada Club will bring their Interactors and exchange students to help. They usually have 15-20 Rotarians attend.

Each clinic sees 70-100 children. We anticipate 20-25 Club members to participate in each clinic. Each clinic also has approximately 30 Dental students, 30 non-Rotarians, about 9 Dentists and 1 optician. We usually provide around \$50,000 worth of services. Club Rotarians engage in more than 200 hours of service per clinic to help manage the patient flow, translate, work with the dental and vision team to assist with fitting glasses and testing on the eye chart and help with a school improvement project.

Our projected budget for this project is \$6,500: District grant funds, \$3,250 and Club Funds, \$3,250. This funding will be used for supplies, including glasses given out. No funds are distributed in Mexico. Funds will be deposited in the Foundation account and be paid to the two California local partners for supplies.

2. RYLA 2025 - \$6,000

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience designed to develop youth leadership skills while having fun and making connections. The Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano plans to sponsor 10-12 high school students (depending on cost/fundraising) to participate in the District 5320 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in 2025. The project's start and end dates are: October 2024 – April 2025.

Funding would be used to provide scholarships to students for all-expense paid camp, which includes three evenings of on-line leadership training followed by three days/two nights of camp in the local mountains of Idyllwild. Food, transportation, housing and activities are free to all student participants. Leadership training and activities throughout the week are provided in partnership with LeaderNU, an organization with a commitment to youth leadership and growth development training. Students at camp will include Trailblazers (student alumni from prior years camps) and other talented young adults and Rotarians who will contribute valuable leadership and life skills to the experience. RYLA provides a memorable opportunity to learn, grow, have fun, make new friends, and gain a new and improved life focus.

Our Club always has at least one Rotarian leader at RYLA camp and will be encouraging at least 3-5 Rotarians to participate in RYLA camp and/or camper selection. Additionally, our members provide transportation to the bus for those campers that need a ride and housing for student alumni and other young adults that come for camp.

Our proposed budget for this project is \$6,000: District Grant Funds, \$3,000 and Club Funds, \$3,000.

3. Scout Hut Repairs & Upgrades - \$15,000

The San Juan Capistrano Rotary club owns and operates the San Juan Scout Hut. The Scout Hut is the home base for Boys Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 724. Troop 724 has weekly meetings at the scout hut and uses the facility for merit badge advancement, outdoor skills training, and other scouting events. The Hut also hosts all weekly advancement meetings and Courts of Honor for all Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs in the Orange County Council - El Camino Real District, serving 8 South Orange County cities and hundreds of Scouts.

The Scout Hut has also been a classroom for students such as English as a Second Language (ESL) adult education courses, taught by volunteers of the South Coast Literacy Council, a nonprofit organization. We are currently looking at the return of live ESL courses to the Scout Hut which went online due to COVID. Additionally, we are considering the Scout Hut as an after school homework site for students from one of our partner non-profits.

The SJC Rotary Club uses the backyard of the property for summer meetings; the annual Swallows Day Pancake Breakfast (a long standing SJC Rotary tradition/fundraiser in the community), other fundraisers from time-to-time and some of our community support events such as Thanksgiving Food Box assembly and distribution, Santa's Visit and other events as needed. Our community events serve at least 100 participants at each event.

In FY 2023-24, the Scout Hut Committee identified the need to make repairs to the Scout Hut and in conjunction with the Environmental Committee planned to develop an eco-friendlier landscape. This past year the Club completed the first phase of a project to promote water conservation with a California-friendly landscape upgrade in the front yard area. For the coming year, the next phase of the landscape project will be to add more plant material, irrigation and boulders to the front yard landscape. Also, the back yard needs grading, replacement of sod, shrubs and the renovation of irrigation and drainage to promote water conservation.

The Scout Hut repairs include various minor "fix-it" items, removal and replacement of damaged wood from termites, tenting and then painting.

The Scout Hut is a hands-on project for our members. We anticipate 20-30 Club members to participate in one or more aspects of this year's project: Front/Back yard planting and irrigation repairs; building repairs or painting.

The proposed budget for this phase of the project is \$15,000. District Grant Funds, \$5,750 and Club Funds, \$9,250. The funding will be used to purchase plants, supplies and rent equipment as needed. Funds will be deposited in the Foundation account and tracked by the Foundation treasurer and the project leader.

**Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano
District Grant FY 24-25 Project Cost Summary**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Club Contribution	\$15,500.00
Misc. Donations	\$0.00
District Grant Funds	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u><u>\$27,500.00</u></u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Ensenada Dental and Vision Clinic	\$6,500.00
Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) 2025	\$6,000.00
Scout Hut Improvements/Repairs	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$27,500.00</u></u>