



District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: Mission Viejo	Date: 6/13/2024
Project Name/Title: Linda Vista Garden Enhancement Initiative	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo is undertaking a project to enhance the garden area at Linda Vista Elementary School in Mission Viejo, CA. Linda Vista is a Title 1 school whose students come from vulnerable population.

The project involves installing new fencing with a gate around the garden plot to ensure its security, adding additional planting beds to expand the garden's capacity, and purchasing gardening tools for the students. This initiative aims to create a safe, functional, and educational space where students can learn about gardening, ecology, and sustainability through hands-on activities. The project will foster a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and community among the students, while promoting environmental awareness and physical well-being.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	September 1, 2024
Project end date:	May 30, 2025

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	650
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	500
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	1150



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** *(If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations):*

The Rotary Club of Mission Viejo plans to seek a partnership with the Linda Vista Elementary School PTA. We aim to leverage both financial support and volunteer labor from the PTA to bolster the project's success. This partnership would also make sure the parents of some of the students are engaged and exposed to Rotary. While this partnership is not yet secured, our efforts will focus on engaging the PTA to contribute additional

6. **Describe the participation of club members** *(Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities):*

Members of the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo will play an active and hands-on role in the Linda Vista Garden Enhancement Initiative. Their involvement will span all phases of the project, from planning and design to installation and ongoing support. During the planning phase, members will collaborate with school staff and gardening experts to design the layout of the new fencing, gate, and planting beds, and source the necessary materials and tools. In the construction phase, members will volunteer their time to install the fencing and gate, construct the planting beds, and ensure the garden structures are secure and durable. It is anticipated that the majority of the club's members will participate in some form.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** *(If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?):*

The funds will be held in the club's checking account and managed according to standard accounting practices.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased):**

Project funds will be used to enhance the garden area at Linda Vista Elementary School by covering various essential expenses. The funds will be allocated towards the purchase of high-quality materials for installing secure fencing and a gate around the garden plot, ensuring the safety and accessibility of the area. Additionally, the funds will be used to construct new planting beds, expanding the garden's capacity for student involvement. Essential gardening tools, including trowels, spades, watering cans, gloves, and other equipment, will be procured to facilitate hands-on learning experiences for the students. Other miscellaneous supplies needed for the project's successful execution, such as soil, seeds, and educational materials, will also be covered.