



District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report 2020-2021

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 # (from matchinggrants.org) __P2563

Rotary Club: Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club of Cheyenne

Project Title: First Step Early Literacy

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?

Laramie County Library will distribute free reading material to high risk children in the community. It is the libraries belief that the sooner you get a book in the hands of a toddler, the better developed they are when starting school.

The project is on-going and takes place throughout the community/county of 60,000.

The process of evaluating children and processing the proper book for disbursement was done by community volunteers and library employees.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

This was a full club effort. We organized and managed a local event, Thankful Thursday, to raise our portion of the funds for this project. Our final club donation was \$4,777.79.

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

Sunrise Rotary Club ran the event to raise the funds for this project and while running this event media coverage helped bring awareness of this cause to the community for local support and encouraged parental communication for books.

The club members were in the community asking for donations and items to support the major event to raise funds. This brought awareness of the Rotary mission and the need of books for local high risk children.

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

Many, the number is on-going as books are purchased and distributed throughout the community to high risk children.

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

The high risk children will receive evaluations, follow ups and reading material based on level and need. Studies show that by providing reading material, education and reading skills increase.

The Laramie County Library system absorbed this project in their permanent budget this year because of the huge success raising funds in the early stages and seeing the community needs warranted a continue long term stream of funds to see this project continue.

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

Many of our local organizations, businesses, individuals and clubs were involved in bringing this program to our local community. Please see attached ad that ran in our local paper.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Sunrise Rotary Club of Cheyenne	\$4,777.79
District Grant	\$1,500.00
Total Project Income	\$6,279.79

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

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
We do not manage the expenditures of this project. They are managed and over seen by the Laramie County Library Foundation.			

Total project expenditures			

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.

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

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	3	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	N/A	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

13. What worked well on this project and why?

By collaborating with the community to raise funds, this project was able to purchase 1000 books for high risk students. These books were distributed around the local community as the children went through assessment.

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

Our club wished we could have been more involved with the distribution of the books to the children and families it was not possible because of confidentiality and COVID. It is always nice to send the end result of hard work.

15. How was this project publicized?

Donor Giving Wall at Laramie County Library
 Newspaper (please see attached)
 Web Page
 Several media press releases

16. Scholarship Governor's grant only

a. Name of scholarship awardee _____

- b. Current school _____
- c. University of college they will be attending _____
- d. Course of study _____
- e. Starting date _____

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

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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 _____
 Date: _____

Print name: Brenda K. Laird

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Thank you to those who support

First Steps: *Early Literacy Begins at Home*

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In 2017, the Library Foundation asked community members and Library staff to name the most critical needs for investment. Our conversations led us to launch *First Steps: Early Literacy Begins at Home*, a campaign to fund outreach and investment in early literacy. *First Steps* was created to reach families with babies and toddlers that aren't accessing the Library and its resources.

If the Library can reach more families, more children will be ready for kindergarten. If children start kindergarten ready to learn to read, they are more likely to succeed in school. And if they succeed in school, the whole community benefits.



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