

P-3142 Final Report

In cooperation with the Fort Collins-Breakfast Rotary club, Tiyošpaye Winyan Maka (Lakota non-profit organization), and CSU's Rams/Engineers without Borders, Rotary District 5440 supported the purchase of two 1500-gallon Below-grade water tanks and freight/delivery. The tanks were purchased and delivered in June 2020 to Pine Ridge reservation where they are awaiting installation in late spring or early summer 2021. COVID-19 prevented the installation of the tanks in 2020 as original planned. Due to tribal regulations, CSU engineering students and other volunteers have been unable to travel to the reservation from March 2020 to the present, delaying installation.

Budget:

The original cost of the tanks and delivery in the project budget was set at \$5,399.00. Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary contributed \$3,000 and CSU Rams Without Borders contributed \$1,000. The remaining funds for the tanks -- \$1,399 -- came from a district 5440 grant.

Another less expensive vendor for the tanks was identified, and this project cost \$749.23 less than expected (in documents, see uploaded receipt).

Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary (International Committee) and CSU Engineers without Borders approved Tiyošpaye's request to use the saved funds for the purchase of an additional tank, a smaller 625 gallon above ground water tank, specifically for rainwater and greywater catchment (March 2020). So this system was purchased as well, spending all of the \$5,399.

I did not approach the district about the savings or request a project amendment, because I thought that all of the district funds (\$1399) could legitimately be said to have been used for the purchase of the two above ground water tanks, as intended in the original grant, while the additional purchase could be considered to be part of a Breakfast Club/CSU Rams without Borders revised contribution. Randy Looper has informed me that per district grant rules, the project must return money to the district.

Of the original budget of \$5,399, the district grant contributed 26% (\$1399). If I calculate 26% of the money saved from the original budget, 26% of \$749.23 is \$194.80.

I am writing and sending a personal check for \$194.80 to the District, since Tiyošpaye/CSU Engineers without Borders have spent the money. This was my mistake in understanding how district grants work.

Thank you for supporting this worthy project.