



District Grant Final Report 2023-2024

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 # P-5023

Rotary Club: **Greeley Centennial**

Project Title: **Larimer-Weld Humane Society**

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?

Application Narrative: The purpose of this project is to provide for the immediate needs of the Larimer-Weld Humane Society. Earlier in 2023 the Humane Society of Weld County's Board of Directors voted to dissolve the organization located in Evans, Colorado, due to increasing numbers of stray and abandoned animals and not being financially sustainable. In 2022 alone, Weld County saw an increase of 23% in the number of animals it serves. This closure has left a potential gap in services for unhoused and stray animals in Weld County. Weld County has transferred its remaining assets to the Larimer County Humane Society, which has fronted the burden of care for these animals in Northern Colorado, being the closest Humane Society in proximity to Weld County. Larimer County has been helping to support the Humane Society of Weld County for approximately one year to ensure we can continue to provide for the critical services needed to care for and rehome pets and animals in Northern Colorado.

This transfer of services and administration has occurred due to Larimer County acquiring a significant financial responsibility, which will also result in a cost savings for both agencies by reducing the administrative costs associated with operating the Humane Society of Weld County by consolidating assets and administrative oversight as part of the community organizations' merger, which occurred on October 2, 2023.

The Greeley Centennial Rotary of Weld County feels an obligation to help support the immediate needs of the newly formed Larimer-Weld Humane Society during its transition (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qh8U-NglJ1M>).

Describe the benefit to the community and/or improve lives:

These funds will primarily support the area of focus of Rotary International of Community Economic Development. Our Rotary club, with the support of District 5440, will help by providing essential veterinary supplies for this organization and will help it continue to fulfill its mission of finding a forever home for all 1,200 animals in its care this year. This small amount of assistance will also help serve the community and animals impacted by the consolidation of services.

Sustainability:

The Larimer County Humane Society and members of our club have established relationships within the Northern Colorado area over the years. Larimer County maintains a strong foundation and support from other community partners and donors to ensure that its services will continue in perpetuity.

Active Rotarian Involvement:

The Greeley Centennial Rotary Club has been active in learning from and collaborating with the Larimer-Weld Humane Society in the recent months to better understand the current needs, educate our club members, and begin to provide support to help the staff and animals.

Total Project Budget: \$1,500.00

3. **How many Rotarians participated in this project?** Four Rotarians coordinated efforts with this project from Greeley Centennial Rotary. In collaborating with the newly formed NOCO Humane, its CEO and grants coordinator are also members of nearby Rotary clubs.

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

Rotarians Marlin Frank and Matt Thompson (Greeley Centennial Rotary) were instrumental with their club's committee in grant writing and progress monitoring the project. Marlin Frank was a project liaison and strong advocate in communication with our NOCO Humane counterparts to receive project updates, including pictures and receipts. Rotarians Chris Woodruff and Jen Gehrman supported through bookkeeping and record keeping.

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

NOCO Humane stated that \$1,500 helps to support 60 animals for 1 day or 1 animal for 60 days.

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

The immediate beneficiary of this project is the newly formed NOCO Humane, which is a merger between the Weld County Humane Society and the Larimer County Humane Society. Support for this organization and the animals it serves will help NOCO Humane continue in its existence and its mission, serving an essential service to the Northern Colorado community for years to come.

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

NOCO Humane is the cooperating organization and beneficiary of these grant funds. This non-profit organization helped to ensure that the dollars were spent to fulfill the greatest need during the merger and transition.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Greeley Centennial Rotary Match	\$ 500.00
District 5440 Match	\$1,000.00
Total Project Income	\$1,500.00

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

Item #	Description	Total
1	NOCO Humane Program Support	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses		\$1,500.00

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.

N/A

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

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	Completed with positive results.
The grant process worked well	5	5
My interaction with partner clubs was good	3	N/A
We achieved the results we expected	5	The project was beneficial homeless animals in the Northern Colorado area.

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? Yes

13. What worked well on this project and why?

This small project was successful as it helped to support the needs of a non-profit organization that provides an essential service to the Northern Colorado communities. The grant writing process is well understood and went well, too.

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

The project went smoothly with no suggested improvements.

15. How was this project publicized?

NOCO Humane presented to the Greeley Centennial Rotary club to club members about the non-profits needs. A project completion presentation will be made with our Greeley Centennial Rotary club later this winter as part of a twice annual update to club members.

16. Scholarship Governor's grant only N/A

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
N/A				

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

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: **2/10/2024**

Print name: **Matt Thompson**

Expenditures: Receipt #1



November 30, 2023

Greeley Centennial Rotary
PO Box 337436
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Dear Greeley Centennial Rotary,

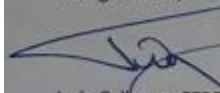
Welcome! Thank you from NOCO Humane, your community partner for comprehensive animal welfare services in Larimer and Weld counties. While you may not recognize our new name and logo, we have more than 50 years of experience and expertise formerly operating as Larimer Humane Society.

This October, we have expanded our reach and our impact, taking on the sheltering and care of animals in Weld County in light of the dissolution of the Humane Society of Weld County. This transition ensures that vital animal services will not only continue, but thrive, bringing even greater compassionate care and commitment to the pets and people of northern Colorado. We are so grateful for your partnership in this endeavor!

Nami was an animal from Weld County in need of shelter and care during a difficult time. NOCO Humane operates as an "Open Admission" animal shelter. This means that we accept all pets that come through our doors, regardless of breed, age, medical history, or behavioral condition. Unfortunately, this being Nami's third time in a shelter, she had developed some behavioral challenges. Not having had stability for most of her life, Nami developed some anxiety, which lead to reactive behaviors. Nami's previous owner described her as very protective and loveable - so our staff worked to build on those strengths to help her find a new home.

Our Behavior and Enrichment team worked with Nami to gain a better understanding of her reactive behaviors. The team took her on "shelter walks" where they would monitor her carefully for signs of distress. With patience and positive reinforcement, Nami gained confidence. After several staff evaluations, Nami was ready to find her new home - and she did! Nami found a family who could continue her training and support her progress in the comfort of a loving home. Thanks to donors like you, Nami is just one of more than 7,000 animals that will receive compassionate care this year. Thank you for entrusting us to continue this important work for the pets and people of northern Colorado.

With gratitude,


Judy Calhoun, CFRE, CAWA
CEO

*Thank you for
this incredible
gift!*

Gift Amount: \$1,500.00

Gift Date: 11/29/2023

As an open admission shelter, NOCO Humane admits every animal in need, regardless of breed, age, behavior or history, including lost, abandoned, injured, abused, ill and orphaned animals. NOCO Humane is an independent, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is non-government, and is not a part of any national humane organizations. No goods or services were received by the donor in exchange for this charitable donation. The amount of the gift may be deductible under federal tax law. Please keep this receipt for tax purposes. Federal Tax Identification Number 84-0611804.

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