

March 7, 2021

Ms. Helen Maxwell
District Grant Subcommittee Chair
ROTARY DISTRICT 5320, INC.
1619 N Brian St. Ste B
Orange, CA 92867

Dear Helen:

As you know, Fountain Valley Rotary, by and through its Charitable Association, applied for and received a grant from District 5320 for the fiscal year 2020-21 to aid in procuring masks for students returning to school in the Fountain Valley School District.

As noted in my recent email to you, at the time the project was conceived, the entire state of California was in disarray, including their plans for safely reopening schools. Our club member and past president Mark Johnson is the superintendent of Fountain Valley School District, and at the time we applied, we thought this would be in the best interest of the returning students.

However, the state's reopening world has changed, and continues to change, daily, if not hourly, and they ultimately came to the rescue and provided the school districts in California with a supply of masks. This made our project unnecessary, and Dr. Johnson prudently thought that we should not use this money to purchase superfluous equipment merely because we had an approved grant.

Since we had just completed a self-funded project shipping books to Rwanda, we thought that it would be a great idea to send them another few hundred textbooks. Hence, our board asked me to seek approval to repurpose the grant.

Today, I shared your response with our board, and the board voted to simply return the funds to the District, with a view toward seeking a grant for a project that falls within guidelines during the next year.

Please therefore find enclosed Fountain Valley Rotary Charitable Association's check #446, in the amount of \$1,104.00, as and for the return of the grant funds previously disbursed to our Foundation by the District.

Kindest regards,

FOUNTAIN VALLEY ROTARY CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

GARY C. FORMAN
President
GCF:s
Encls.
Cc: Marc Ecker, Ph.D., Foundation Chair