

### Terms of Youth Peer Mediation Grant.

Location: Anchorage Alaska

Total Budget: \$10,000

Term of Grant: July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

Area of Focus: Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

Activity Type: Education: Volunteer Services

Summary: Youth Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training

Party responsible for developing and conducting training program: Anchorage Youth Court

Grant funded by: Anchorage Russian Jack Rotary, Anchorage East Rotary, Anchorage International Rotary, and Rotary District 5010. Attached as Ex. A are the grant proposal submitted April 5, 2022, and Ex. B, Grant approval by District 5010. Please note that the original grant request for a total of \$5,000 in funding was amended and increased to a total of \$10,000.

Purpose and activity funded:

This grant funds will be provided for the program for the 2022-2023 school year and it is anticipated that there will be two training sessions in youth peer mediation/alternative dispute resolution, one in the fall of 2022 and one in late winter or early spring 2023.

AYC responsibilities:

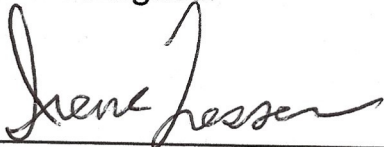
- The training program will be designed to educate student participants in the basic concepts, skills, and give practical experience in the topics of peer mediation and conflict resolution.
- Training will consist of a total of 10 hours of classroom training, written materials, mock mediations scenarios, and evaluation.
- It is anticipated that the two training sessions will provide such training for approximately 20 to 25 students for each session.
- AYC will provide to each participant written course materials,

- The training will be provided by volunteer professional mediators in the form of classroom training and lectures; mentoring by students already trained in the program, and mock mediation and conflict resolution scenarios to give practical experience as well as classroom training.
- The training will cover the topics and skills including problem solving, confidentiality, professionalism and objectivity, listening skills, and dealing with difficult people or situations.
- The training and materials will provide guidance, templates or exemplars for starting and conducting the conflict resolution sessions, confidentiality, and documenting the final agreement or resolution of the issue with the parties.
- The training will involve written course materials, classroom training, and practice with mock dispute resolution scenarios and situations.
- AYC will document and provide copies of all out of pocket expenses for training materials; professional training expenses which are not provided by volunteers, staff time for organization, logistics and training; space rental; advertising; certificates of achievement, printing, etc.; and other out of pocket, and necessary expenses.
- The participants, upon satisfactory completion of the training, will be provided with a Certificate of Achievement, in the name of each student, also noting the participation of AYC and the respective Rotary organizations.
- It is anticipated that at some time during the grant year, AYC and/or student participants will be available to provide a presentation on the program to the participating Rotary clubs, and other clubs in the Anchorage area.
- The program will be documented by photographs or quotes from participants, for use both by AYC on its website or social media, and by the Rotary organizations to memorialize this training and activity as a community service by both organizations.

## Rotary Responsibilities

- The respective Rotary organizations will supply grant funds in a total of \$10,000, to be administered by Anchorage Russian Jack Rotary, for the above training program.
- It is anticipated that one half of the funds will be disbursed in the fall for 2022 for the initial training session, and the remaining half of the funds will be disbursed in the spring of 2023 for the second training session.
- Rotary members will be available for 1) providing lectures and training in mediation and alternative dispute resolution skills, and 2) as needed for other assistance, help with mock conflict situations or other volunteer support.

Grant Terms agreed on behalf of Russian Jack Rotary and Anchorage Youth Court by the undersigned.



Dated: 7-28-22

Irene Tresser

Executive Director, Anchorage Youth Court



Dated: 7/28/22

Matthew K Peterson

President Russian Jack Rotary

## Exhibit "A"

Grant Proposal, April 5, 2022

Country: USA

Location: Anchorage Alaska

Total Budget: \$5,000

Area of Focus: Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

Activity Type: Education: Volunteer Services

Summary: Youth Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training

Summary of Russian Jack Rotary Grant Application---Meditation, Dispute and Conflict Resolution Training through Anchorage Youth Court

Rotary Objectives. The proposed grant for this training is consistent with Rotary goals:

One of District 5010's theme for this year includes conflict resolution and mediation. Also, Rotary International has on-going programs in this area and a worldwide partnership with the international "Mediators Beyond Borders" organization. The program is a training program for High School youth and future leaders, in both professional skills and life skills which will serve them well throughout their lives.

Proposal. This grant proposal is for a total fund of \$5,000 to provide training in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Peer Mediation Skills. The training will be provided through the Anchorage Youth Court organization (AYC). AYC is a professional quality training program for Junior High and High School Students. The students are trained in legal and court procedures, professionalism, ethics, confidentiality, public and courtroom speaking presentation, and criminal law. The program involves the students handling actual criminal prosecutions and defense, and sitting as peer judges, in plea bargains and sentencing for cases, usually first-time offenders, referred by the State Juvenile Justice system. The program has been highly successful for over 30 years, both in success and low recidivism as a peer justice system for the offenders, and in training and giving experience in professionalism and real-world skills for the participants. Further information on the overall Youth Court program can be found at its website, at: <https://www.anchorageyouthcourt.org>

During the Covid pandemic, the regular State of Alaska Courtrooms, were closed and AYC's in person hearings curtailed. To keep the members engaged and advancing their skills, AYC in 2021 obtained a grant to begin training in the related professional skill of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Peer Mediation skills. This was a pilot program with the goals of providing additional professional and life skills training to Youth court participants, and to provide these services, primarily through the school district. The initial training was by professional mediation trainers and was very successful. AYC has prepared a social media video describing the program and its goals in more detail at: <https://vimeo.com/656833238>

This grant seeks funding to continue the program for the next school year and group of students, with training in the summer and fall of 2022. AYC already has the written course materials, and much of the

training will be provided by volunteer professional mediators and mentoring by students already trained in the program, so costs will be less than the original professional level of training. The training covers many topics and skills including problem solving, confidentiality, professionalism and objectivity, listening skills, and dealing with difficult people or situations. The training will involve written course materials, classroom training, and practice with mock dispute resolution scenarios and situations.

Russian Jack Rotary members will be involved in the training of the youth participants, we expect to have a presentation at a club meeting on program and training, we have two members who are school administrators with the Anchorage School District who can advise and assist in implementation of peer mediation, and our club has been a past donor and supporter of the Anchorage Youth Court program.

AYC is an appropriate organization for providing this training. The skills involved are closely related to skills required in the legal and many other professions. The training will be on skills which the AYC participants are already trained in and practice in the courtroom as prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges. This is a highly motivated group of student participants.

Project Contact Person

District: 5010

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## Exhibit "B"

### Rotary District Grants Website - Project P-4197—District 5010 Approval

The district leadership has reviewed and approved the allocation of district funds for this project. Please make the necessary arrangements for the project implementation. The approved DDF contribution will be sent to your club when the funds are received from The Rotary Foundation into the District account. Please keep all receipts of project expenditure, and upload all the implementation information on the website as supporting documents. The website is used as a centralized repository for stewardship information.

Project title: Youth Peer Mediation Training

Country: USA

Location: Anchorage Alaska

Look at [www.MatchingGrants.org/district/project4197.html](http://www.MatchingGrants.org/district/project4197.html) for more details on this project.

Here is a direct link to the administration page:

[www.MatchingGrants.org/district/admin.cgi?project=4197](http://www.MatchingGrants.org/district/admin.cgi?project=4197)