



District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report Form

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.

Rotary Year 2023-24

District Grant # (from matchinggrants.org) P-4844

Rotary Club: Thermopolis

Project Title: Solar Phone Charging 4 Ukraine

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?

The Ukrainian people are suffering electrical outages very often, and cannot charge their phones and other USB electronic devices. They need these devices to stay in communication with friends and family, get news, and also to keep up to date with the war effort. We partnered with Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine to provide 67 solar panels that have been retrofitted to power a 4 USB device charging station. We shipped these to Ukraine on a cargo container with the Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine group. Once in Ukraine a Ukrainian Rotary club will help distribute the 67 panels throughout the country.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 23
4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Rotarians planned how to build the solar panel chargers, planned two separate building events kids (One during class time at the High School with the Ag Class, and one after school hours with a 4-H Club). Rotarians implemented the building of the panels and oversaw the students assembling the panels and decorating the backs of the panels, and Rotarians oversaw delivering the panels to a warehouse in Colorado to be shipped to Ukraine.

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

268 people can charge their phones at one time on the panels that we sent over.

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

The panels will be distributed to the general public in Ukraine based on the need that their local Rotary Club sees when they arrive. The panels are all brand new and have all brand new components so they should last for a long time (10+ years). Our hope is that someone will benefit from the solar panels even after the war has ended and phone charging is no longer a concern.

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

We partnered with Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine, which is a group of Ukrainian expats who reside in Colorado. They do fundraisers for Ukraine and provide funds and supplies. They work to fill a cargo container with supplies and then fundraise to ship the container over to Ukraine. We utilized some of their shipping space to save a lot of money on shipping fees. We paid them \$25 per panel to ship the solar panels, which we estimated would have cost almost 10 times that much to ship via traditional methods.

8. Income:

| Income Source | Amount |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| District Grant | 5,000 |
| Thermopolis Club | 1,043.05 |
| Total Project Income | \$6,043.05 |

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 |
|--|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Amazon (panels and building supplies) | | 1082.26 | 1943.51 |
| Amazon (Panels and building supplies) | | | 1087.20 |
| Amazon (Panels and building supplies) | | | 1046.01 |
| Thermopolis Hardware- electrical supplies | | | 175.06 |
| Thermopolis Hardware- electrical supplies | | | 116.27 |
| Shipping- first batch | | 5296.00 | 1225 |
| Shipping- second batch | | | 450.00 |
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| Total project expenditures | | | 6043.05 |

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.

We budgeted only \$1082.26 for supplies because we thought we could get the panels donated. We weren't able to locate any used panels, so we sourced an inexpensive but very nice panel from Amazon. We budgeted the bulk of the cost would be for shipping as we expected to pay \$264.80 for each panel to be shipped. We ended up paying only \$25 per panel for shipping, so we were able to get a lot more of them done than we expected. We planned to do only 20 panels, and ended up being able to afford to do 67 panels total! This is largely due to the savings on shipping by partnering with Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine.

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 | 5 | |
| My interaction with partner clubs was good | 5 | |
| 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)

Yes, we have some on our Facebook page that I can upload.

13. What worked well on this project and why?

We loved that this was a hands-on service project with a real benefit to the people of Ukraine, but was something we could get our hands dirty doing. The interaction between Rotarians and kids who helped build the panels was very fun. Overall, the project was great and very successful from the club's perspective. We had a lot of fun decorating them and taking them to Colorado was also impactful. Just seeing all of the stuff in the warehouse ready to go to Ukraine was very cool as well.

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

If we had to do it again, we would reach out earlier to the school so that more kids would be able to help. As it was, we ended up only being able to allow two classes to help (so about 55 kids total go to help), but we could have extended it if we had planned it out better, so that more kids would get the opportunity. The kids who did help were really excited about the project, so giving that opportunity to more kids would be better.

15. How was this project publicized?

We put the pictures and photos on our Facebook page for the club, and the school also shared those to their facebook pages because the kids were involved. The parents and the 4-H also did a lot of sharing of their building event as well.

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 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| All purchased items could be considered "expendable" I guess- but the panels are pretty durable? | | | | |
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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: 06/19/2024

Print name Shurie Scheel

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