



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-5028

Rotary Club: of Fort Collins

Project Title: Merit Badge University

Project Description:

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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?

Merit Badge University (MBU) has been a collaboration between Scouts BSA and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins for over three decades. MBU allows Scouts to earn merit badges in a classroom setting to help them advance in Rank. More importantly, it exposes them to professional skills, hobbies, life skills, and community skills from Rotarians and other professionals.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 18
4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
 - a. Taught Citizenship in the World Merit Badge to 22 Scouts
 - b. Taught Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge to 20 Scouts

5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? __116 Scouts __

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

MBU allows Scouts to earn merit badges in a classroom setting to help them advance in Rank. More importantly, it exposes them to professional skills, hobbies, life skills, and community skills from Rotarians and other professionals. Rotarians emphasized teaching Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World.

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

Adventure West Council of Scouts USA was a partner in organizing the two day event.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Total Project Income	

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
Rent of Classrooms	1	\$500	\$500
MB Counselor Applications 1. Matt Synder - Fire Safety - \$25	2	\$250	\$ 25
Orange Name Lanyards	3		\$35.17
Patches	4	\$300	\$297.18
Art Supplies	5		121.29
Aviation MB Pamphlet	6		\$11
Supplies			\$25
Coffee and Donuts for Counselors	7		\$23.61
Starbucks coffee 1/13/24 - \$23.61			\$56.60
Lamars Donuts 1/13/24 -			\$23.61
Starbucks coffee 1/20/24 - (No Receipt)			\$56.60
Lamars Donuts 1/20/24 - \$56.60			

Merit Badge Books for Counselors	8		25.56
Total project expenditures			\$1,200.62

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.

Biggest variance was in a much lower classroom rental cost, about \$500

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

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	4	
The grant process worked well	4	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	NA	
We achieved the results we expected	4	

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

Will do

13. What worked well on this project and why?

This year was very gratifying as there was a significant increase in engagement by the Scouts from the previous year. It gives me hope that the COVID hangover may be dissipating. There was a much higher rate of badge completion over last year.

Our Rotary Exchange Student from Finland met with Scouts earning the Citizenship in the World merit badge. She was able to discuss typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced there. She also discussed some of the biggest changes she had to make, living in Colorado.

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

Keys to the success of this program is communication. Communication with results from the organizing committee to Merit Badge Counselors, from Counselors to Scouts and parents, and from Counselors back to the organizing committee.

In years past, finding merit badge counselors started in October. This coming year we are going to work on getting counselors to commit in August-September and we will try to have two qualified counselors per merit badge to mitigate the risks of last-minute absences.

15. How was this project publicized?

Through the Adventure West Council website and Club Instagram

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

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:

 Randall Kurtz Date: 06/03/2024

Print name Randall Kurtz

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