



District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report Form

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Rotary Year 2024-25

District Grant # (from matchinggrants.org) P-5239

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Fort Collins

Project Title: Cubscout Gaga Ball Play Structure

Project Description: Reconstruct a Gaga Ball game structure at the Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp in Red Feather Lakes, CO benefitting the youth of our community and helping the camp maintain national accreditation

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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?

The Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp is a special place in the community of Northern Colorado. It is one of the only Cub Scout Camps in the Region and it provides high quality youth programs that educate boys and girls from all over the USA, helping them develop into responsible citizens and leaders. The Camp hosts hundreds of cub scouts every year at summer and seasonal camps and it's also open to community groups any time of year for general camping. The Camp is a fun, safe and inclusive environment open to anyone in the community to use.

Last year, Kathy Nicol, a long time Rotary Club of Fort Collins member, sadly passed away. The Camp was near and dear to Kathy's heart, having been funded by her father-in-law many years ago. Local Rotary groups have volunteered up at the camp for various service projects over the years. The Camp is nationally accredited and follows SAFE Scouting measures. SAFE Scouting is part of the overall National Camp Accreditation Program and assesses activities for risk and monitors appropriate equipment. In recent years, the Gaga Ball Youth Play Area at Camp Nicol has fallen into disrepair and is no longer a safe place for children to play the game. The Camp is at risk of losing its accreditation if the Gaga Ball area is not made safe. Part of what attracts people to this camp is the variety of safe activities that youth can participate in while learning about the positive ideals and leadership skills that Scouting promotes. The Gaga Ball area has always been a huge hit with campers and part of the attraction of this camp. It helps youth build confidence and promotes healthy competition and respect.

This project replaced the dilapidated old Gaga Ball structure with a new one built from materials that will last longer and provide a safe place for campers for years to come. The Volunteer Service Committee of The Rotary Club of Fort Collins (which I Chair) lead the Service Project to construct the new Gaga Ball area so we can keep this important part of the community as a place that youth can go to learn, have fun and build stronger communities.

On October 7th, 2024, 6 Club members of the Rotary Club of Fort Collins met at the Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp to demo the old gaga ball structure and build the new one from a kit that the Camp Ranger, Adam Marlow, had purchased using the grant funds along with hardware and lumber from the Home Depot. Construction was quick and within 4 hours, we had the new structure built and even played a game to test it. The Camp Ranger was very pleased with the result and sincerely appreciated the Club's efforts to help the camp maintain this important part of its facility for the community.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

4, plus a family member

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

We used hammers to demo the old structure. We predrilled holes for bolts in the lumber and used the purchased bracket kit to assemble the new structure. We attached a commemorative sign honoring Kathy Nicol and noting the grant from the District and the Club.

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

Hundreds each year. The camp is the only Cub Scout camp in a wide geographic area and is used by many scout organizations, and it's also open to the public for group outings.

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

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

Adventure West Council of the BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) – (land owner and future manager of the new structure.)

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
DDF	\$800

Rotary Club of Fort Collins contribution	\$400
Total Project Income	\$1200

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

Gaga Ball bracket and hardware kit – Coach Cliff’s Gaga Ball Pits, LLC	1	Invoice #40297	\$628.00
Pressure Treated 2x12x16 lumber (Qty. 9)	2	WM81874441	\$502.02
Commemorative Plaque from SpeedPro Fort Collins, CO	3	INV-18993	\$25.00
Bag lunches for volunteers while working on project (Panera)	4	Order 6051715788093062	\$78.82
		TOTAL	\$1,233.84

** Even though we came in over budget on expenses, primarily because of needing to provide lunch to the volunteers since there were no facilities nearby, the overage was handled through The Rotary Club of Fort Collins volunteer service committee budget.

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.

Here’s what the original budget looked like:

BUDGET	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Treated Lumber 2x12x16 (Home Depot)	8	55.18	\$441.44
Gaga Ball Pit Bracket System (see document)	1	550.00	\$550.00
Shipping to site for Bracket System	-	98.00	\$98.00
Outdoor Placard for Rotary Dedication	1	110.56	\$110.56
ACTUAL	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Treated Lumber 2x12x16 (Home Depot)	9	55.78	\$502.02
Gaga Ball Pit Bracket System (see document)	1	550.00	\$550.00
Shipping to site for Bracket System	-	78.00	\$78.00
Outdoor Placard for Rotary Dedication	1	25.00	\$25.00
LUNCH	6	-	\$78.82

As mentioned above, lunch was not an anticipated expense, however we saved money on the Outdoor Placard by working through a Rotarian’s business (SpeedPro) who gave us a huge discount on it. Shipping also ended up being \$20 cheaper for the bracket system, however an extra piece of lumber was ordered so that part when over budget by \$55. Overall, pretty close to budget and the overage above the grant funds was handled by the Club’s committee budget.

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	NA	
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

13. What worked well on this project and why?

Coordination with the Cubscouts went well. The matching grant application process was easy and straight forward. Coordination of the volunteers and project build day went smoothly.

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

Nothing

15. How was this project publicized?

Rotary Club of Fort Collins meeting slide show and newsletter.

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
NA				

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:

_____ Jon Land _____ Date: __ 11/9/2024 _____

Print name _____

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