



District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: Newport-Balboa	Date: June 15, 2024
Project Name/Title: Recycle Regatta	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

At the Recycle Regatta teams will build boats out of cardboard and plastic bottles, then see how far they can paddle out in China Cove (Newport Harbor) without sinking! All to raise money to support the restoration project at the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory (KML) which is one of the longest running marine laboratories on the West Coast, KML remains an iconic facility with a rich history of marine science for Caltech. KML is committed to providing opportunities for education and outreach to all ages, they offer tours, workshops, speaker series, and outreach events for the local community to learn more about the world of marine science and beyond. It is crucial to educate young minds about marine science and protecting our oceans, and KML offers a fantastic platform for local schools and organizations to bring students into a hands-on learning environment. Our goal is to inspire our community to work together while sharing the impact of recycling on protecting the environment and our oceans.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	upon approval
Project end date:	no later than June 2025

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

The Recycle Regatta will take place in the spring of 2025 on the beach adjacent to the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory in Corona del Mar, California, USA.

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	2,500
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	2,500
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	5,000



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** *(If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations):*

Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory employees will be at the event helping out, but no other financial support will be made by them or any other organization.

6. **Describe the participation of club members** *(Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities):*

Our members will run all aspects of the event from planning, marketing, collecting donations, running a BBQ at the event, judging the boats, etc. and we will also commit to building a Newport-Balboa Rotary Club recycled boat to enter into the Regatta!

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** *(If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?):*

Money will be deposited in club bank account.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased):**

We will need to buy event supplies, food for the event, awards for the boats, etc. All proceeds from this event will go to fund the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory restoration project.