

**Rotary International
Rotary District 5340**

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

1. District Grant #P-649
2. Name of District Grant - Oceanside Youth Development
3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less)

Our primary focus for this grant is on the need to encourage younger children (K-10th grade) to increase literacy and cultural development, avoid gang involvement and gain the education they need to break the cycle of poverty and violence in this local area.

There are four elements to this project (and a fifth was added):

- (1) Literacy – Laurel Elementary Reading and Attendance Incentives
- (2) Literacy – Mission Elementary Scholastic Reader Subscriptions
- (3) Literacy - Little Free Libraries
- (4) Mentorship Program for grades 4-10
- (5) Graduation Incentives for High School Students

4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded project

This was our first year of the mentorship program, and we decided to focus on middle-school age kids. Initially there was reluctance on the part of some parents to provide permission slips for the events; however, the kids who have participated have been very enthusiastic and Lincoln Middle School administrators are now seeing much better response from parents – we anticipate that next year will be even better. The little free libraries needed to find a “librarian”, but we now have three placed in the community.

5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.
- ☐ Our Club’s international Rotary networks have been strengthened.
- ☒ Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.
- ☐ Club membership has increased.
- ☒ Our Club’s awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
- ☐ Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way
- ☒ Others: School administrators are reporting that students who have participated in the mentorship events are doing better in school, and their grades have improved (some markedly so)

6. Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

I found the process to be very easy to implement on the website; the only complaint I have is the 800 word limit on the progress reports.

7. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: \$1750

Amount of Club funds used in grant: \$1000

Amount of other funds used in grant: \$806 (club member contributions)

Total \$3556

8. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals:

David Hall

Club President

May 11, 2015

Date

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Club Contact for District Grant

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