



Vero Beach
Rotary Charities
Foundation, Inc.

Number of Staff: _____ (Full-Time)
_____ (Part-Time)

Your Board Size: _____

Grant History (from which key organizations have you received funds over the past 3 years – including Rotary? – and please indicate what these funds were used for):

Who do you and/or does your Board or Staff know at Rotary Club of Vero Beach?

When was the Last Time Someone from Your Organization Gave a Presentation to our Club?
Date(s) and Name(s) of Presenter(s)

Detailed Project Description & Specific Use of Funds Being Requested from VBRCF*
(include project title, dates of implementation and duration, goals/objectives, estimated # of people expected to benefit, total project budget, and anything else you think would be helpful for VBRCF):

If You Do Not Receive the Requested Funds, How Will Your Project Be Funded:

* If approved, we may require receipt of an Accomplishments Report after completion of your Project

Dear Grant Applicant,

Thank you for approaching our foundation, The Vero Beach Rotary Charities Foundation (VBRCF) for funding your non-profit community project!

It is our pleasure to be able to tell you a little about Rotary International and our Rotary Club (*Vero's 1st Club*).

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million friends and leaders, who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – in our communities and across the globe. For more than 110 years, Members from 46,000+ clubs use their passion and energy to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always committed and working to better our world.

Having received our charter on June 9, 1926, our club will soon be celebrating 100 years of service! We are a fellowship service organization made up of business and community-minded individuals with high ethical standards. Our mission is to provide service to our community, fellowship with members, and personal and professional development. We truly have an excellent record of service – living by Rotary International's Motto of "Service Above Self".

Here are some of the projects in which we are involved in our community:

- We award scholarships to as well as organize judging competitions/mentorship programs for IRSC students
- We are one of the original partners with the Clean Water Coalition of IRC, helping to work on initiatives with non-profit agencies to improve water quality and shoreline restoration
- We partnered with Publix & IRC Schools, supplying every school with dedicated plastic bag receptacles
- We co-established "RISSA" (Rotary Initiative for Submerged Seagrass Awareness)
- We help organize and sponsor an annual Oktoberfest event to raise funds for polio eradication

Regarding our foundation, VBRCF has been serving our community since 1996. Members contribute on birthdays, anniversaries and years in Rotary. Today, we have ~\$300,000 in assets and we have made grants to 50+ local organizations totaling over \$375,000 – benefitting those in the community from youth to our elderly.

Aside from several social activities organized during the year, *our regular meetings are held every Thursday at Noon at the Vero Beach Yacht Club*. We encourage you to attend at least one of our meetings to get to know our members, experience our fellowship, and enjoy our informative weekly community guest speakers.

Grant applications should be given to your contact at our Rotary Club, or mailed to:

**P.O. Box 3224
Vero Beach, FL 32964**

Sincerely yours in Rotary,

Rotary Club of Vero Beach (Vero's 1st Club – 1926)
Vero Beach Rotary Charities Foundation