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Sujet :RE: Rotary Grant GG2240304: (some additional documents)

Date :Thu, 13 Oct 2022 22:11:05 +0000

De :Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>

Pour :Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

Hello Martin,

Thank you for providing these additional details regarding the project, and for your patience as we have taken time to review them.

If I understand correctly, you are proposing that the international sponsor (RC Los Alamos) will manage the grant funds. Is this understanding correct? This would be an acceptable route to go for funding. If you confirm, I will send the bank information listed on the application back into draft status so that you may update the details accordingly.

The other information that you have provided is sufficient for us to moved forward with approving the grant application. Once the bank information has been updated appropriately, we can move forward with an approval.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

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Elizabeth Davis

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From: Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 11 October, 2022 8:03 AM

To: Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>

Subject: Fwd: Rotary Grant GG2240304: (some additional documents)

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Hi Elizabeth,

I would like to supplement the letter that I sent on Friday with the two additional attached documents, which I believe may be useful to take into account when considering our request:

(1) A letter from Mr Lucky MTUNGWA the principal of Mariannridge Senior Secondary School sharing his observations about the project.

(2) The 20 page brochure, which we had put together, for the purpose of attracting corporate donors. The original edition of this document dates back to December 2021, and this is the document that we provided to Atisa Securities, which led to their gift. The attached version is an update from June 2022, and we will update again at the beginning of 2023, to include the results from the 2022 school year.

I also include attached the same letter that I sent on 7 October.

Many thanks for your consideration.

YIR,

Martin

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Sujet :Re: Rotary Grant GG2240304: (our complete letter, addressing all the question and in particular sustainability)

Date :Fri, 7 Oct 2022 09:40:34 +0200

De :Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

Pour :Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>

Hello Elizabeth,

Thank you for your letter.

Attached is our complete letter that addresses all the points raised, and in particular the sustainability issue, which was the most challenging for us to address and required us to rethink the role of the UEF.

The attached letter extends and replaces the previous letter. In fact, I believe that most of the text on the banking issue is the same.

We look forward to feedback and any suggestions and hope that your management finds our suggestions reasonable.

I suppose that once we resolve these points, you will invite us to update our global grant application accordingly.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 06/10/2022 à 21:06, Elizabeth Davis a écrit :

Hello Martin,

Thank you for sending this letter. It is currently under manager review. I will notify you as soon as we have reached a verdict.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

From: Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 29 September, 2022 3:20 AM

To: Elizabeth Davis <Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org>

Subject: Re: Rotary Grant GG2240304: (request for feedback on the banking issue)

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for the zoom meeting last Wednesday. We have discussed among ourselves and have a draft of the letter that you requested that is in the process of being finalized. We agree in light of your comments that we will need to seek an exception to the rules, at least to some extent, on the sustainability issue.

However we think that we have found a solution to the banking issue that will be within the Rotary rules as you explained them. We would like to request feedback on this proposal on the banking, which was mainly prepared by Alison Pannell from the Los Alamos Club (our international partner) and myself.

May I kindly ask you to look at the attached Word file and let us know your thoughts? Is what is proposed acceptable, or do you have some modifications to suggest? The attached Word document is an excerpt from the draft of our letter containing the part dealing with the banking issue. Awaiting your advice, we will continue to finalize our letter with responses to the other questions.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 16/09/2022 à 21:50, Elizabeth Davis a écrit :

Dear Rotary members,

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has received your global grant application entitled “GG2240304: Mariannridge High School Mathematics Tutoring and Enrichment Project”. We appreciate your patience as we have carefully reviewed the application, and appreciate the time and care put into its preparation. Now that we have a more precise idea of the planned activities, we would like to ask you some specific questions that will help us determine if your application is eligible for a global grant. In this context, we ask you to provide us with the following information or documentation:

1. **Bank account.** In my review, I noted that you are requesting to have your partnering organization, The Umhlatuzana Education Fund, manage the project bank account and grant funds. Regrettably, this is not allowed. Grants for club-sponsored projects need to be paid to a club or club foundation bank account. Please submit bank information for a club-controlled bank account. Please also note that it is Rotary’s expectation that the club sponsor will be in charge of all aspects of financial management.

2. **Conflict of interest.** No employees or members of the board of directors of the beneficiary school or the cooperating organizations can be either a primary contact, member of the grant committee of this grant or signatory on the project account. Please confirm that this is true or provide new grant committee members from your club not involved with the running of the school or cooperating organization that are willing to oversee the implementation of the activities of this grant and particularly assume responsibility for the financial disbursements and reporting on of this grant.
3. **Program design.** Please provide a detailed program design, including an example of day-to-day scheduling and curriculum.
4. **Tutors.** After reviewing the application, it sounds as though you have not yet identified the individuals who will be providing the tutoring services for this project.
 1. In order for this project to be eligible, you must confirm that you have already assembled a list of individuals who are willing to serve as tutors.
 2. Additionally, I have concern regarding the sustainability of relying upon students to sustain this project after the grant has ended. Once the students graduate from their programs, they will likely not continue to be available to provide tutoring services. There is likely to be a high turnover rate and need for continual recruitment and training of new tutors. What is the sustainability plan for this?
 3. You also mention the desire to form a Rotaract Club for the tutors to become members of. Please note that Rotary will expect Rotary members to volunteer their service time rather than receiving payment for their services.
5. **Training plan.** Please provide a training plan for qualifying the tutors to effectively deliver the supplementary instruction if they do not already have formal training.
6. **Financing.** How will this project continue to be financed after this grant has ended? Please work with the project stakeholders to provide a financial plan, which should include all annual expenses for the program (internet cost, computer lab maintenance, replacing math books, tutor salaries and transportation, etc.) and annual income with verified income sources. Please note that the project cannot rely upon Rotary or Rotary Club funding for ongoing operational costs after this grant has ended.
7. **Maintenance.** Please provide an MOU signed by whichever cooperating organization will be providing ongoing maintenance for this project after the grant has ended.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

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