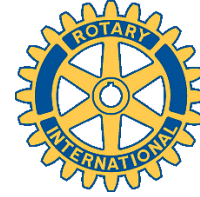




Rotary Clubs of
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September 2017

TO: Petaluma Area Teachers, grades K-12

RE: ***LEND A HAND TO EDUCATION 2017***

The Rotary Clubs of Petaluma Valley and Petaluma Sunrise are joining together again this year to "***Lend a Hand to Education.***" The only purpose of this program is to raise funds for Petaluma school teachers.

Over the past thirteen years, Rotary's ***Lend a Hand to Education*** has awarded nearly \$186,000 in grants to Petaluma teachers, grades TK-12. This year our goal is to fund 90-100 grants for a total of approx. \$20,000. Rotary believes that working together to provide support for education outside of traditional funding sources benefits everyone.

This year we have again increased our maximum grant size to \$250 and we will be giving extra consideration to grants focused on STEM, reading, arts, music, and field trips. In addition we have a commitment from Fishman Supply to fund four grants of \$100 each for school classroom supplies. We encourage maximum participation by all schools because your grant requests enable us to seek both private and business donors.

A **Grant Request Form** is attached. Please read it carefully and identify an educational need or project for your class, not to exceed \$250 and not financed by another funding source, *with two exceptions*: Rotary does consider matching grants for field trips and for equipment.

Deadline for receipt of your Grant Request Form is **September 30, 2017.**

Rotary members continue to support and thank you for your valuable contribution to the education of Petaluma's youth!

Notification of grant awards is scheduled for November - December 2017, with funds available through your school district office by December 2017 and January 2018.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carter, President
Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley

Richard Pitt, President
Rotary Club of Petaluma Sunrise

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