



Rotary Clubs of
Petaluma Valley,
Petaluma Sunrise
P.O. Box 2101
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September 3, 2021

TO: Petaluma Area Teachers, grades K-12

RE: ***LEND A HAND TO EDUCATION 2021***

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 seventeen years, Rotary's ***Lend a Hand to Education*** has awarded over \$270,000 in grants to Petaluma teachers, grades TK-12. This year our goal is to fund 70-75 grants for a total of approximately \$18,000. Rotary believes that working together to provide support for education outside of traditional funding sources benefits everyone and is even more needed now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are offering grants up to a maximum of \$250 and will be giving extra consideration to grants focused on supporting learning with associated field trips. While our fundraising efforts have been hampered by the pandemic, we encourage maximum participation because your grant requests enable us to seek both private and business donors.

A 2-page **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 equipment.

Deadline for receipt of your Grant Request Form is October 1, 2021.

Notification of grant awards is scheduled for November 2021, with funds available through your school district office by the end of the calendar year.

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

Sincerely,

Bonnie Cordoza, President

Leland Fishman, President

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