

District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: Newport-Balboa	Date: June 15, 2024
Project Name/Title: Environmental Nature Center	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) is the only non-profit combined habitat and educational center for children in Orange County, California. Our club members work with the ENC Director to determine the immediate needs to replenish or upgrade the sustainability of their natural world which will have a positive impact on the students and local community by providing a safe learning environment for the students and visitors. Prior projects with the ENC have included tree planting, upgrades to the butterfly house and more native butterfly larvae, replace decomposed granite paths, and newly trained docents. Besides the ENC, the beneficiaries of this project will be the community who comes to learn about the habitat as there are over 27,000 students that go through the ENC each year to enhance their education and there are even more community citizens from all over Orange County who come to visit the ENC and learn about the different plant life and wildlife habitats there. This also provides a great opportunity for public relations to the community about Rotary as there will be signs stating our involvement in this project at the ENC.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	January 1, 2025
Project end date:	April 30, 2025

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach, California, USA.

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	1,000
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	1,000
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	2,000



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** *(If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations):*

None

6. **Describe the participation of club members** *(Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities):*

Our club members will provide the funding for a project and then hands on participation in the implementation.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** *(If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?):*

Money will be deposited in club bank account.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased):**

Funds will pay for the supplies requested by the Environmental Nature Center Director.