

District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: San Juan Capistrano	Date: 06/10/2025
Project Name/Title: Grant Projects 2025-26	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

Multiple projects - see attached for additional information

Ensenada Dental/Vision Clinic - Two clinics providing free dental and vision services for underserved children and adults in Ensenada, Mexico

Students Run LA (SRLA) - Transportation and lodging for local middle school students to train for and participate in the Los Angeles Marathon

Gilchrist House Landscaping - safety and aesthetic upgrades to play area/landscaping of family safe transitional shelter for homeless women and mothers with children

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:	July 2025 pending approval
Project end date:	May 15, 2026

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.)

Ensenada, Mexico includes Club Rotario Ensenada Calafia, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente - see attached for additional information

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

Club contribution:	\$	15,000
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	8,000
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
San Clemente Sunrise Rotary	\$	1,000
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	24,000



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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):*

See attached for additional information

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):*

See attached for additional information

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?):*

See attached for additional information

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

See attached for additional information

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Proposed Projects for 2025-2026

1. Ensenada, Mexico Dental and Eye Clinic - \$8,000

Beginning in 2004, this Dental and Vision project has been held twice a year (with the exception of Covid) in Ensenada, Mexico. It consists of two days of service, at a rural school in Ensenada Mexico. We partner with Irvine Rotary and Club Rotario Ensenada Calafia. We will serve 120-300 kids (dental & vision) and 30-70 adults (vision). These are from the under-served communities of rural Ensenada, Mexico.

The funds are used to pay for dental supplies and eyeglasses, as well as the operating expenses (fuel and maintenance) of the Dental van that transports all of the equipment and supplies for 12 full dental stations, hygiene, sanitation, x-ray equipment, etc. It also pays for the hotel accommodation of the USC Dental students (they pay for their own transportation). The project has two Clinic dates, October 10-12, 2025, and March 2026. The Ensenada Club selects a school in an underserved part of Ensenada and helps with all the local logistics. The Ensenada Club provides volunteers for the day and identifies a hands-on project for the day. The Ensenada Club will bring their Interactors and exchange students to help. They usually have 15-20 Rotarians attend.

Each clinic sees 70-100 children. We anticipate 20-25 Club members to participate in each clinic. Each clinic also has approximately 30 Dental students, 30 non-Rotarians, about 9 Dentists and 1 optician. We usually provide around \$50,000 worth of services. Club Rotarians engage in more than 200 hours of service per clinic to help manage the patient flow, translate, work with the dental and vision team to assist with fitting glasses and testing on the eye chart and help with a school improvement project.

Our projected budget for this project is \$8,000: District grant funds, \$2,000 and Club Funds, \$6,000. This funding will be used for supplies, including glasses given out. No funds are distributed in Mexico. Funds will be deposited in the SJC Rotary Club Foundation account and be paid to the two California local partners for supplies.

2. Students Run LA (SRLA) - \$7,000

The San Juan Capistrano Rotary Club sponsors Marco Forster Middle School (MFMS) Roadrunners in the Students Run Los Angeles (SRLA) program. MFMS was the first middle school in the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD) to participate in the Students Run LA Marathon Program and is now in its 18th year. The team consists of approximately thirty-five (35) 7th and 8th grade students. Coaches include teachers, administrators, and other running enthusiasts from the community.

Training begins in September with the start of the school year for the LA Marathon event which occurs in March each year. The main goal or objective of SRLA is to help students work hard to set long-term goals; help with character development and build self-confidence and self-esteem. The program instills discipline, determination and a sense of pride in those runners who accomplish their goals. The participants get special recognition at the school's year-end award ceremony.

Club members provide a send-off for the team the day before the marathon providing encouragement. Those Rotarians that are "runners" and are interested are encouraged to participate in training. Additionally, Rotarians are encouraged to attend the event and cheer on the team. Post event, the Marco Forster Middle School leader joins us at a club meeting with 4-5 of the participants who make comments on the race.

As a South Orange County participant, our kids travel the furthest for the event and training at pre-marathon events in LA and Ventura County. In the past, the SJC Rotary Club sponsored lodging for the overnight stay in Los Angeles the day before the event. This year, grant funds would allow the club to provide additional funds to offset the cost of transportation to pre-event training events, as well. Funding for the team is a collaborative effort. The team members sell snacks and drinks at various school events to raise funds for their costs. Parents are encouraged to contribute \$100 per student; however, some cannot afford to help. Also, one local business purchases sweatshirts with "Marco Forster Marathon Team" imprinted on it.

Our budget for this project is \$7,000: District grant funds, \$2,000 and Club Funds, \$5,000. The grant funds will be deposited in the SJC Rotary Club Foundation account and paid to Marco Forster Middle School ASB and deposited in into the school's

account. Funds are drawn as needed for lodging and transportation costs. MFMS oversees the finances of the team.

3. Gilchrist House - \$9,000

Gilchrist House, in San Clemente, is a family-safe transitional shelter for homeless women and mothers with children. The shelter is managed by Family Assistance Ministries (FAM), which serves San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and other South Orange County communities. FAM provides one-on-one case management and job search coaching, financial counseling and life skills training to the residents. It is an environment where the residents work to bridge the gap between dependency and self-sufficiency, leaving the shelter after finding a job and their own housing.

The shelter landscaping has fallen into disrepair and is sorely in need of repair for safety and aesthetic reasons. This project would renovate and upgrade the shelter landscaping to give the residents a much more pleasing environment and the children a better and safer place to play. The project is anticipated to occur in Summer 2025, beginning in July pending grant approval.

The shelter houses 30-50 residents on an on-going basis. Project area cleanup and certain activities would be provided by Rotarian volunteers and residents. Certain activities will require professional installation as opposed to volunteer labor.

Our projected budget for this project is \$9,000: District grant funds, \$4,000; Club Funds, \$4,000 and a contribution from San Clemente Sunrise Rotary Club, \$1,000. The funds would be used to directly purchase or reimburse Rotarians for plants, other materials/supplies and professional installation as needed.

Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano		
District Grant FY 25-26 Proposed Project Budget		
Grant # P-5716		
		<u>Grant Proposal</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Club Contribution		15,000.00
Other Contributions		1,000.00
District Grant Funds		8,000.00
Total Income		24,000.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Ensenada Dental and Vision Clinic		8,000.00
Students Run LA (SRLA) 2026		7,000.00
Gilchrist House Landscaping		9,000.00
Total Expenses		24,000.00