

**Rotary District 6860**  
**Future Vision District Grant Application**  
**2010-2011**

Clubs that have been qualified by the District under the Future Vision pilot program may apply for District Grant funds. Applications submitted by clubs that have not met the qualification requirements will be returned.

*Please type the application.* Submit the completed application to [carola@uab.edu](mailto:carola@uab.edu). Please type or copy and paste the following statement in the email subject line. **Rotary 6860 FV District Grant Application**. If you do not have access to a computer, fax the typed application to Carol Argo at 205 934-8664. Retain a copy of the application for your club records.

Club Name: [Rotary Club of Decatur, AL](#)

Date: [09/17/10](#)

Project Title: [Books For All Students](#)

Amount of Funding Requested from the District: [\\$ 3,000.00](#)

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Describe how your club conducted a needs assessment for this project?

*Discussions were held with the Decatur City Schools Foundation, local City School Administration, and Educators within our Rotary Club to ascertain the most pressing needs within our local school system that could be addressed by our club. The most notable need was identified as creating the desire and assisting lower income children to read. Our club has conducted a program for several years where members meet and read with a student once a week. The conclusion of all involved was to provide books to the students who were most likely not able to afford them.*

How are these needs currently being addressed with local resources and/or government agencies?

*This need is not currently being met.*

Describe the proposed project including what need it will address, the intended beneficiary(ies), and the potential benefits to the community.

*Our club will hold Rotary Book Fairs in all 12 elementary schools in Decatur. All students identified as low income by their inclusion in the Federal Free Lunch Program will be given a voucher to buy at least one book, hopefully more, depending on funds secured for this program.*

List the names of any cooperating organizations involved in the proposed activity.

*Decatur City Schools*

*Scholastic Books*

*State of Alabama*

Describe how the benefitting community will be involved in the activity(ies). Provide specific examples.

*The Decatur City School system has worked with Scholastic Book Company to achieve discounts and bulk shipments on book purchases. The School System Assistant Superintendent (a Club Member), each schools' principals (2 of which are Club Members), and each schools' Reading Specialist will assist in coordinating and executing the Book Fairs and in selecting age appropriate books.*

Describe how Rotarians will be involved in the activity(ies). Provide specific examples.

*The School System Assistant Superintendent (a Club Member) is working with Scholastic Books to achieve discounts and bulk shipments on book purchases. He is also working with each school to identify eligible students. Two school principals and Club Members and are working to coordinate the Book Fairs. Club Members will also work at each Book Fair.*

What are the expected immediate and long-term outcomes of the activity(ies).

*Students who normally may not have had access to purchasing books to take home and read will be able to select books that interest them and take them home to read. Our hope is that reading skills will be improved and a greater desire to read will be inspired. The ability to read is the foundation for students learning and comprehending in all other subjects.*

Proposed start date: 12/01/10

Expected completion date: 03/01/11

**Proposed Budget**

Expenditures

| Item                         | Cost                |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Age Appropriate Books</u> | <u>\$ 10,000.00</u> |
| <u>Total</u>                 | <u>\$ 10,000.00</u> |

Proposed Financing

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Club Funds     | \$ 5,000.00                          |
| District grant | \$ 3,000.00 (amount requested)       |
| Other sources  | \$ 2,000.00 (State of Alabama Grant) |
| <u>Total</u>   | <u>\$ 10,000.00</u>                  |

If the district is unable to provide the amount requested, will your club be able to complete the proposed project?    \_\_\_ yes     no

If your club is submitting more than one grant application, please rank this application in priority for your club with 1 being the highest priority.    N/A

Ronnie D Dubois  
President's Signature

9/20/10  
Date

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**District Grants Subcommittee Use**

Club is qualified under Future Vision  
Amount awarded for this project    Yes    No  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date final report received    \_\_\_\_\_