



## District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report 2021-2022

This report must be completed and uploaded on [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org) within 30 days after completion of the project but no later than 2 years after the date of approval of the project. For scholarships, the report is due 30 days after payment of funds.

**District Grant # (from [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org)) P-2867**

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Rotary Club: \_\_\_ Greeley Redeye Rotary \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: High Plains Library 1000 BBK (1000 Books Before Kindergarten)\_\_\_

### Project Description:

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1. Is this a scholarship governor's grant report? Yes \_\_\_ No X (If yes, go directly to line 16)
2. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?
  - Grant funds were used to replenish highly demanded Spanish 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1,000BBK) materials and expand the multilingual Nursery Rhyme Booklets to other languages. Other languages include those that serve the refugee population in the Weld County (High Plains Library District) area. Examples of the booklets are found on the **Documents** tab/page for the Grant Project.
  - Reading success in school begins with positive language and literacy experiences beginning at birth. 1,000BBK provides our youth with the early literacy skills they need to build a better future. 1,000BBK is the HPLDs primary early literacy program.
  - At the time the grant was received, the program had 2,570 registrants; 211 had completed the program and 266 had reached the midpoint of 500 books. Of those who have completed the program, a very large majority report increases in amount of time spent reading with their children, increased levels of reading enjoyment and library usage.
  - While awaiting the printing of the new booklets, members of Redeye Rotary gathered at the High Plains Library in West Greeley late in January of 2020 to stuff the bags with additional

library/book information that the children would receive. Shortly afterward, COVID was hitting hard and before long, everything was shut down. COVID, and its many challenges, dramatically altered what was possible with this grant project and everything went into a wait and see, holding pattern.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project?  18
4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
  - Redeye Rotarians gathered in January of 2020 to stuff the bags that the 1000 BBK children would receive.
  - Redeye members are still waiting for the opportunity to add the printed booklets to the bags and distribute them to those registered in the program. This is expected to happen late summer (2021).
  - The original plan was for Redeye members to also spend time reading to the children. We remain hopeful that this too will be possible at the time the bags are distributed later this summer (2021).
5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
  - Once it is again possible, several hundred pre-school aged local children will benefit.
6. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?
  - Several hundred local pre-school aged children will benefit. As these pre-school aged children begin kindergarten and progress with their elementary education, research tells us that they will be more successful and enjoy reading, seeking opportunities to read when possible.
7. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role? N/A
8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Greeley Redeye Funds raised from Annual Geranium Sale	\$4,000
Matching District (5440) Grant Funds	\$4,000
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>

9. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Receipt from High Plains Library District Foundation (Receipt; uploaded with Project Documents)	1	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total project expenditures		\$8,000	\$8,000

10. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

N/A

11. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was/will be successful.	5	Due to COVID, the timeline was altered considerably, but we now know that the remaining pieces including Redeye members' participation and interaction with the recipients of the books will be possible in the next month or two.
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	N/A	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

- Yes. There are photos from when Redeye members gathered to stuff the 1000 BBK bags.

13. What worked well on this project and why?

- Communication between Redeye membership and the High Plains Library District Foundation worked well.

14. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

- COVID related complications caused major delays in being able to complete this project. Otherwise, there is nothing to suggest for improvements.

15. How was this project publicized?

- Redeye Rotary's support for this project was included on the Thank You placards received by several hundred customers who bought Geraniums in the Redeye annual fundraiser.

16. Scholarship Governor's grant only

- Name of scholarship awardee \_\_\_\_\_
- Current school \_\_\_\_\_
- University of college they will be attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Course of study \_\_\_\_\_
- Starting date \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

- All Rotary District Grant funds combined with Greeley Redeye Rotary funds provided to the High Plains Library District Foundation for the 1000 BBK program were combined with other Library Foundation funding sources making the addition of pre-school age appropriate books in other languages possible.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Initial Destination/ Location	Comments

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

**Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.**

Certifying signature of primary contact: Jennifer Sears Date: 6/11/2021

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