ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE RIVERSIDE

MATCHING GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL REF # 080903

About the Club

The Rotary Club of Pune Riverside is a small but effective club based in Pune, part of RI District 3131. Its members meet every Wednesday morning at the Le Meridian Hotel for breakfast fellowship at 8 am, followed by the meeting.

The club members are generous and serious Rotarians – in the last year, they gave more than US\$100,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Of the 46 members, 25 are Fellows of the Paul Harris Society and 6 are major donors. The remaining 15 have pledged to become Fellows of the Paul Harris Society this year.

They have sponsored 2 Rotaract clubs which have more than 250 members between them. One Interact club is in its fledgling stage.

The Project

Rotary proposes to setup and handhold 3 Computer Multimedia Centers. Each center shall have 6 computers, a server, an LCD projector and allied peripherals (see outlay worksheet). Beneficiaries will provide space and infrastructure required.

The Centers aim to empower the beneficiaries through vocational training, computer awareness and information dissemination. Of the three beneficiaries, two have already sent their representatives for training in government approved courses for use of the computers and internet for rural empowerment.

Basic Functional Computer Literacy is the primary objective of this project. All the beneficiaries are obligated to run programs for the nearby community free of cost, in addition to their own educational needs.

The Beneficiaries

These Centers will be setup at:

1. Maher, a home to destitute women and children near Koregaon Bhima, Pune. Rotary Riverside supports this institution with a various grants and financial assistance. In the past 12 months, RC Riverside has funded an educational trip to the UK for 40 children from this institution. The children were guests of the UK school system and performed plays, dances and cultural shows. In last July, Rotary funded a large cultural program by these children at the Ness Wadia college. As a result, the Sakal Group has pledged unconditional support for all future performances to aid fundraising. A recent matching grant by RC Riverside and RC Mandarin USA for the installation of Solar Water Heaters is under execution.

- 2. <u>Vada Village</u> community development project, Nagar Road this project has been actively supported by Rotary Riverside since the past three years. A new school building, a library and other facilities have been constructed out of funds raised by the club. Vada now has a very low unemployment rate, high literacy and very high literacy levels for the girl child. The community cleanup program, toilets and other facilities have all been part of this program. Small loans to individuals to make themselves self-reliant have yielded extremely good results. The youth of Vada village are very keen to have a rural computer center.
- 3. <u>Majlgaon Pratishthan</u>, Majalgaon, Beed is an institution supported by Rotary Riverside since the last five years. Every year, the club has pledged Rs. 1 Lakh to educate 50 girl children from destitute or indigent parents under the Adhar program. The institution has broken records in setting up Bachat Gats for women, small self help groups that work with microfinance on the lines of the Grameen bank. The Pratishthan runs schools with a focus on the education of girl children who are either orphans or have single mothers. Today, 200 children are beneficiaries of this program and Rotary Riverside has pledged to make them all computer literate.

Objectives & Covenants for the beneficiaries

- 1. Community exposure to technology
 - Community Time [open to all in fixed time slots]
 - Faculty facilitation [facilities for faculty arranged by Rotary]
 - Regular training schedules
 - Education: Reduction of Child Mortality
- 2. Vocational Training for primary beneficiaries
 - Fixed training programs
 - Certification / Affiliation in 12 months
 - Minimum agreed levels of proficiency

Implementation

Rotary Riverside has about 250 members in its sponsored Rotaract Clubs. These members have pledged their time and energy in forming the visiting faculty of the Computer Multimedia Centers.

Content for training and education is provided courtesy of the Government of Maharashtra. Rural and Agriculture content will be syndicated from the Sakal Group that is in the process of implementing their eSakal project for the rural masses. The Centers are provided with a budget for a skeleton permanent faculty as well.

Outlay					
RC Pune Riverside - Multimedia Community Centers					
		Unit Cost	U/Cen	Cost/Center	3 Centers
	Equipment / Item				
1	Core2Duo, 512MB,80GB, 15"LCD	18000	6	108000	324000
2	USB DVD/CD RW	4000	1	4000	12000
3	Printer HP Laserjet	7000	1	7000	21000
4	Workstation	1500	6	9000	27000
5	16 Port 100Mbps Switch	3000	1	3000	9000
6	ADSL WAN Wifi Router	4000	1	4000	12000
7	LCD Projector Epson MP55 equiv	40000	1	40000	120000
8	Print Server/Sharer	4000	1	4000	12000
9	Content	7500	1	7500	22500
10	LAN Cabling etc	5000	1	5000	15000
11	Uninterrupted Power Supply	30000	1	30000	90000
	Transport, Installation,	00000		00000	30000
12	Contingency	5000	1	5000	15000
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	Other Items / Expenditure				
1	Rent 12 Months	12000	1	12000	36000
2	Other Furniture	5000	1	5000	15000
3	Faculty costs 12 Months	36000	1	36000	108000
4	Electricity Costs 12 Months	6000	1	6000	18000
5	Internet Broadband Installation	2000	1	2000	6000
5 6	Broadband Rent 12 Months		-		
б	Toner and Consumables 12	12000	1	12000	36000
7	Months	3000	3	9000	27000
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	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INR			308500	925500
	US\$			7345	22036
	Means of Funding				
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	Beneficiary - Advance			15000	45000
1	Contribution DDF			15000	45000
0	Beneficiary - Deferred Contribution DDF			92000	246000
2				82000	246000
3	RC Beed - Majalgaon			1000	3000
4	RC Mandarin US			4200	12600
5	RC Pune Riverside			50000	150000
	Sub Total			152200	456600
	TRF MATCHING GRANT INR			156300	468900
	US\$		<u>-</u>	3721	11164