

Lima Rotary Foundation
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REQUEST FOR ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT

OTTAWA RIVER COALITION
3900 Campus Drive Suite A
Lima, Ohio, 45804
419-223-0040 x107
Beth Seibert, Coordinator (beth@allenswcd.com)

Our request is for \$2000.

What is the purpose of the organization?

The goal of the Ottawa River Coalition (ORC) is to help educate the public about the importance of the river as a natural resource and how everyone can protect the primary source of their drinking water by understanding the sources of contamination and pollution and then actively participating in methods to minimize the amount of pollutants that enter the watershed.

The ORC began its formal membership in 1994. Members, partners and other volunteers represent many facets of industry, agencies, agriculture, business, engineering, organizations, municipalities and political subdivisions who are actively engaged in the protection and restoration of the watershed where they live and work.

How do you carry out your program?

The ORC is a non-profit organization. The ORC promotes public awareness and education of the importance of improving water quality. The ORC is comprised of six sections or groups that work together to achieve the mission. The groups include: The Executive Committee, The Monitoring Committee, The Watershed Committee, The Community Relations Committee, The Stormwater Committee, and The Lowhead Committee. These committees meet individually several times a year to set goals and schedule activities to actively take a role in improving and preserving the quality of the watershed. The ORC meets together with all its committee members on a bi-monthly basis.

Do you have tax-exempt status?

Yes.

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What is your annual budget? Current Actual for last two years?

| | Receipts | Expenses | Balance |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2012 - Current | \$22,605.80 | \$30,294.59 | \$12,634.34 |
| 2011 | \$38,660.57 | \$19,505.64 | \$20,323.13* |
| 2010 | \$21,125.86 | \$20,248.92 | \$1,168.20 |

** Received a \$20,000 RBC Grant to complete a video project which will be spent in 2012.*

What are your sources of income?

The Coalition is funded through membership and sponsorships from local individuals, businesses, agencies and political subdivisions. In addition the Coalition conducts one annual fundraising event – the Good Friday Fish Fry.

Are you funded by the United Way? No Amount \$0

What needs will be met with requested funds?

Our plans are to provide the 120 children in the Lima City Summer Playground Program, for children 6-12 years of age, with multiple opportunities to learn more about the Ottawa River and the vital role it plays in their lives. The overall goal of these programs is to help the children of Lima to understand the direct relationship that exists between the health of the river and the health of the people who live near it and use its water in their homes.

A secondary goal is to provide these children, the overwhelming majority of whom are from economically challenged homes, an opportunity to use scientific tools and methods encouraging and challenging them towards higher learning and careers in the environmental sciences.

Our plans are to provide the children four hands-on experiences over the course of the summer. They would include:

| Description: | Associated Costs: | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1. A trip to the City of Lima Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1100 E Wayne Street. | Transportation service for the children | \$450.00 |
| 2. A trip to the City of Lima Drinking Water facility at 3226 Cole Street. | Transportation service for the children | \$450.00 |
| 3. An afternoon spent on the Ottawa River | Transportation service for | \$450.00 |

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How does your organization benefit the community?

The entire focus of the Coalition is to promote the wise use and management of the Ottawa River and its watershed as a valuable community resource. For the people of the City of Lima, this translates directly into their individual health and well-being because the Ottawa River is the source of their drinking water.

Additional Comments:

Please be advised that the Lima Rotary Foundation does not approve multi-year grant requests. The Foundation Board evaluates each individual request using prescribed criteria set forth by the Lima Rotary Club membership. Regardless of past funding history, organizations should not assume they will receive money every year. However, we encourage you to submit a grant application when the cost of a special project exceeds the capacity of your general budget.