
District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Irvine

Project Title: RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

Progress Report Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

As part of District 5320's RYLA, Rotary Club of Irvine sponsored through club funds, District Grant and donation 6 high school juniors to participate in RYLA, an intensive leadership camp which helps these students build connections, improve problem-solving skills, develop leadership skills and unlock their potential. The camp was held April 6th to 13 beginning with virtual sessions and concluding with in-person camp starting on Friday, ending on Sunday in Idyllwild. This was a great experience for the students who are already leaders, an opportunity and experience for those that have the potential but maybe haven't had as much opportunity - and also for those whose parents may not have the means to pay for their students to attend other camps. This is fully sponsored by the Rotary Club of Irvine and donations of members.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Approximately 10 Rotary Club of Irvine members were involved in the implementation of this project which included the pre and post process and participating at the camp as Facilitators and Mentors. In addition to members from participating District 5320 Rotary Clubs, members of various Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs were involved.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

A committee made up of Rotary Club of Irvine Rotarians was responsible for communicating with schools and organization about RYLA, answering questions that student or parents may have, reviewing applications, interviewing the applicants, contacting those applicants about their nomination to participate, and communicating with the participants before the event and after the event. Volunteer Rotarians participated in a variety of position before and during the camp: from checking the students in the day of departure to camp, as bus chaperons, handling vital role as "Facilitator", "Mentor", logistics and other critical roles during the RYLA camp experience.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

Over 200 High school juniors participated in the event with alumni RYLA participants as Trail Blazer (camp staff) roles. We paid for 6 students, however we were able to fill all but one spot, all of the students selected were from High Schools located in the city of Irvine. Monies for the 6th spot went towards the difference between the quoted RYLA fees and the actual cost of camp.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

Participating students underwent the intensive leadership camp which will help these students build connections, improve problem-solving skills, develop leadership skills and unlock their future potential. Past RYLA participants that our Club has sponsored have taken an active role in making presentation of their RYLA experience at Club meetings, District events, many returning to volunteers at RYLA as Trail Blazers, camp counselors, starting Interact Clubs at their high schools, many have become members of Interact and Rotaract Clubs and becoming future Rotarians.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

RYLA, is in-person leadership program sponsored by Rotary District 5320 providing the program and curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	950
2. Club contribution	1550
3. Other funding (specify) Donation Cisca Stellhorn	550
4. Other funding (specify) Donation Audrey Ishibashi	250
Total Project Income	3300

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. 6 RYLA Campers @ 550.00	3300
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Total Project Expenditures	3300

9. 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 of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant funded expenditures have been provided to the district. 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 in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in 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 RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Audrey T Ishibashi

Date: 05/08/2025

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