

District Grant Application

Rotary Club of:	San Clemente Rotary Club	Date:	6/15/2025
Project Name/Title:	Tecate house builds		
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

We will partner with Club Dust, an Orange County 501c(3) charitable organization (Tax ID: 300083138) to build two houses just over the border in the hills outside Tecate, Mexico. The project beneficiaries are single parents with two or more children living in extreme poverty who lack adequate housing.

Each house will be built in a one-day service event involving 15-25 volunteers. Club Dust will provide a driver and van to take 12-18 Rotarians and other volunteers to the build site and bring them back that same day. The project also involves collecting donations of items needed by the family, such as diapers, kitchen utensils, etc. and delivering them to their new home. Other District Rotary Clubs will be invited to participate. The Rotary Club of Carlsbad has already shown interest.

Work that is not appropriate for volunteers or is not completed during the build day will be conducted by vetted partner contractors in Mexico.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	9/1/2024
Project end date:	6/30/2025

3. Project location (select one): ☐ Community ☒ Mexico

(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

The project will take place in Tecate Mexico. The Club Rotario Tecate AC will provide volunteers and local support.

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	\$3,500
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	\$3,500
Other Club Dust partners (non-Rotary)		\$1,500
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	\$7,000



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** *(If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations):*

Other Club Dust partners (non-Rotary) will donate the \$2,000 needed to complete the two house builds.
Club Dust volunteer pool will collect and provide in-kind donations of household items.

6. **Describe the participation of club members** *(Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities):*

It is estimated that 10-20 of our members will serve on this project, most by participating in one or more of the one-day builds (especially those of October 25 and November 15, which will be official "San Clemente Rotary Builds."

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** *(If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?):*

The Project Leader will require receipts from Club Dust of all the project expenditures.

Note: Club Dust has been doing this work for 43 years and built over 2000 homes, all documented.
An IRS audit conducted two years uncovered no issues. It has a Charity Navigator rating of 3 (out of 4) stars.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased):**

Construction materials: \$7,960 (\$3,980 per house)
Contractor for finishing work: \$1,040 (\$520 per house)
TOTAL: \$9,000 (\$4,500 per house)

The volunteer transportation and food costs of the build days are covered by the volunteers themselves (about \$35 each).