

Imagine the impact your club could make

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What funds are available for my club's Service Project?

- Club Grants
- Mini Grants
- Kickstarter Grants (new clubs only)



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A club grant from the [Kiwaniis Children's Fund](#) can help fill a gap in funding for a service project in your community or elsewhere. The project must address children's needs in one of the Kiwanis causes, or a combination of those causes:

**Health and
nutrition**



**Education
and literacy**



**Youth leadership
development**



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CLUB GRANT REQUIREMENTS

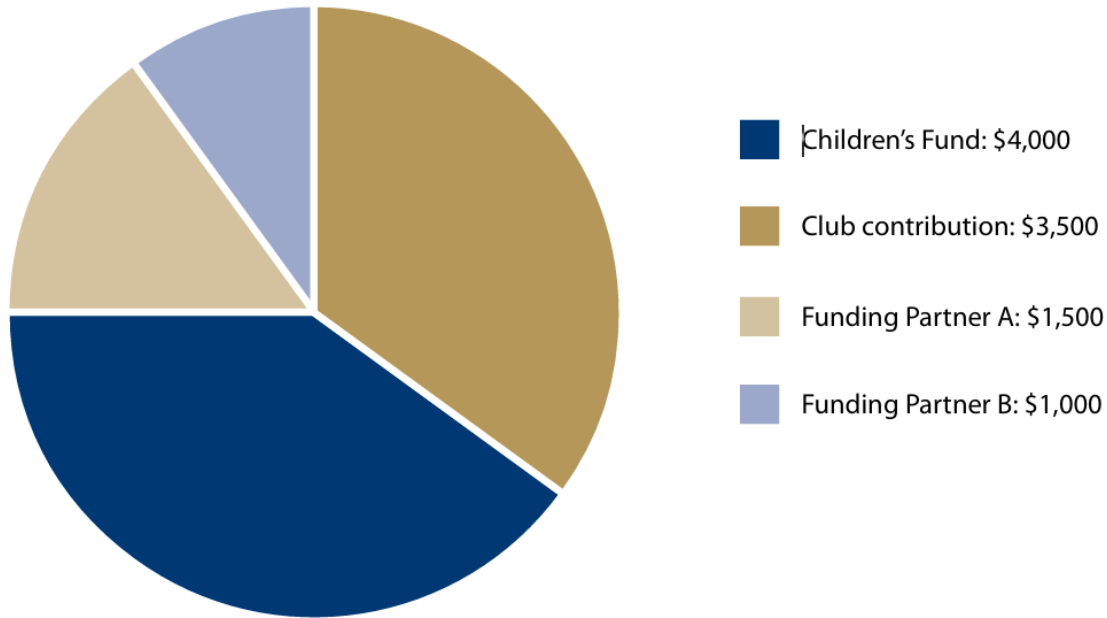
- Be Kiwanis-led.
- Fill a need within your community.
- Include programming that recurs at least once per year.
- Support activities within at least one Kiwanis cause area
- Receive at least 25% of total funding from your club
- Require no more than 40% of total funding from the Children's Fund.
- Spend the grant money within 12 months of when the grant was awarded.



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SAMPLE PROJECT BUDGET

Total Funding and Cost: \$10,000



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How do we Apply for a Club Grant?



GRANT CYCLE 1

For March 1 funding decisions:

- Letters of Inquiry submitted April 2-November 1.
- If approved, full applications submitted by January 1.

GRANT CYCLE 2

For August 1 funding decisions:

- Letters of Inquiry submitted November 2-April 1.
- If approved, full applications submitted by June 1.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/grants-scholarships/club-grant-program/>



What's a Microgrant?

- If your club has **35 members or fewer** and is **in good standing** with Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund, you may qualify to apply for a microgrant of **US\$250-1,000!**

Your project must:

- **Be a service project enhancing** the lives of young children and youth in your community.
- **Support at least one of the three Kiwanis causes:** health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.
- **Be upcoming or in process** (not yet completed) when grant payment is received.



What's a Microgrant?

- **Advantages of the Microgrant Program:**
 - **Shorter application** than the traditional club grant program.
 - **Less funding required from other sources.** Matching funds will not be required.
 - **Shorter decision period.** Applications received by the 1st of each month will receive a decision via email by the 15th of the same month.
 - **Faster distribution of funds.** Distribution of the funds will begin in December of each year. After that, grant recipients will receive funds within two-three weeks of the application's acceptance.

Each year, the application period for the Microgrant Program is **October 1 – July 1**. Grant applications will be considered in the order received until funds are depleted.



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**\$261M for global
children's health
and nutrition since
1990s**



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CREATING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE

THE POSSIBILITY PROJECT



10
MILLION KIDS



us**\$25** MILLION



5 YEARS

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Key Facts

1 OF **EVERY** **7**



U.S. children are
food insecure.

1 OF **EVERY** **3**



low-income
families own
no books.

YOUTH LEADERS



have a greater
chance of pursuing
higher education.

Illinois-Eastern Iowa

HEALTH & NUTRITION



100+ Kids Impacted in 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Batavia-Geneva Area, IL, partners with a local farm to host an annual fall event for children and families battling pediatric cancer. The children and their loved ones are immersed in farm activities like picking pumpkins and feeding animals.

A Children's Fund grant helped the club purchase pumpkins for the kids, lunches and signage.

Together, we helped kids and their families create lasting memories.

Taiwan

EDUCATION & LITERACY



100+ Kids Impacted in 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Shan Hsin collaborates with Wu-Lao Elementary School to help provide after-school care. Many of the students' caregivers work far from home and the club helps fill the care gap by providing the students with tutoring opportunities, warm dinners, craft activities and transportation to their homes via a rental van.

A Children's Fund grant helped pay for the van renewal, school supplies and food for the after-school program.

Together, we helped ensure that kids received holistic after-school care.

Rocky Mountains

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



10+ Kids Impacted in 2025

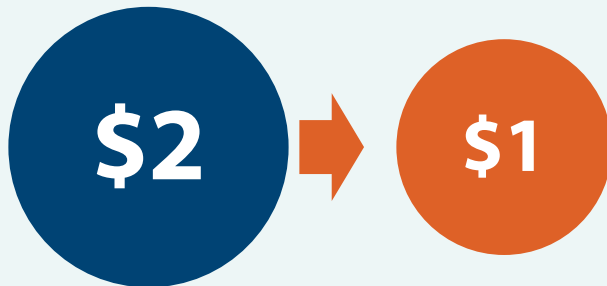
The Kiwanis Club of La Junta, CO, partnered with local schools, businesses and community members to shift the narrative about youth by publicly recognizing their leadership and positive actions. The club's "Spotlight on Youth" program honored ten students for acts of kindness, leadership, and community spirit through nominations, media outreach and an awards ceremony.

A Children's Fund grant supported the purchase of awards and the hosting of the ceremony.

Together, we helped shine a light on the positive impact of young people in the community.

Communicating the Needs of Children

KCF Grant Funding



Requested

Granted

For every **\$2 requested**,
KCF **grants \$1** to fund projects
to help kids

Explosive Growth

Nearly 20x

increase in grant applications



Then



Now

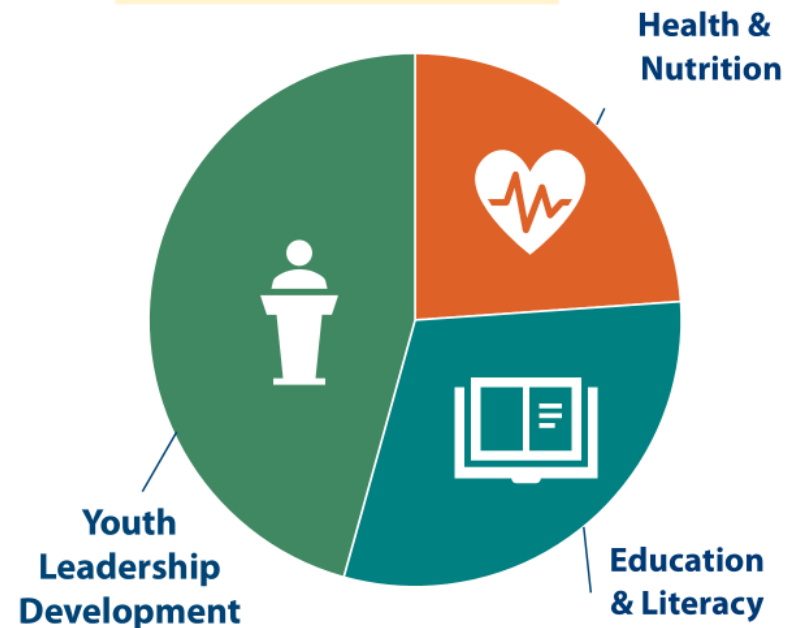


in just **6 years**

Campaign Highlights

- **904 grants** worldwide
- **\$3.8M+** distributed
- **1.75M kids** impacted across three focus areas

Grant Allocation
by Impact Area



OVER
\$10.8 MILLION
RAISED



OVER
4.8 MILLION
CHILDREN IMPACTED

160 CLUBS

HAVE PLEDGED

\$3.1 M

What is an Impact Club?

\$100

Per member
Per year

5

Year campaign
commitment

\$8.34

Per month
Impact 4 kids a month

How clubs fund their goal:

Club annual budget | Fundraising events | Individual member giving |
Hixson and Blechman Fellowships

The Goal

\$100 per year, per member for 5 years

\$500 x 20 members =

Overall Goal: \$10,000

\$2,000 per year

Determine Fundraising Sources



Annual Club Funds

25%



Fundraising Events

50%



Member Giving

25%

Individual Gifts

Personal donation

Online recurring gifts

Per year:
avg. \$100



Per Month:
avg. \$8.34



Per week:
avg. \$1.92

Make Your Gifts Count

George F. Hixson Fellowship



Honors Kiwanis Clubs or members who give
US\$1,000

Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship



Honors Kiwanis Clubs or members who give
US\$2,500

Use the worksheet to work through your club's Impact Club goal.

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A photograph of children in a classroom setting, eating lunch. In the foreground, a young boy with dark skin and curly hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. Behind him, a girl with long dark hair is also smiling. They are sitting at a table with lunchboxes and food. The background is slightly blurred, showing other children and classroom elements.

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POSSIBLE
INTO ACTION.**

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