



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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1. What are the Health and Wellness areas that will be considered for a grant?

Any project that falls under one of the approved areas as established by OI:

Healthy Lifestyles (e.g., Physical fitness, nutrition)

Chronic Diseases (e.g., Childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, MS, Ronald McDonald House)

Mental Health (e.g., Depression, abuse)

Disabilities – Physical, Intellectual & Developmental (e.g., Autism, Special Olympics)

2. When can applications be submitted?

For the 2020/21 Optimist Year, Grant applications will be due by the following deadlines:

- January 29, 2021
- April 30, 2021
- August 30, 2021

The Grant Committee will meet immediately following deadlines to consider the applications on hand and make a decision regarding funding.

3. What is the amount that can be requested?

Matching Grants must be for a minimum of \$250, and cannot exceed \$1,000.

4. Does the project have to be a new project?

No, it can be an existing project, but a Matching Grant can only be submitted once on that particular project.

5. What projects are considered?

- Projects that fit one of the strategic areas above; or
- Projects that assist children and their families facing a challenging journey due to being affected by one of the areas.

6. Will fundraising projects be considered?

No. The Matching Grant must be for projects that directly affect children.

7. Is there a timeframe the money is to be spent?

Yes, within one year of when the Matching Grant is awarded.



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8. How is the grant given?

Once your application has been approved, 50% of the amount will be sent to the Club President. Once the final report is submitted, the remaining 50% will be sent. Typically the check is sent approximately 10 days from approval.

9. Do we have to submit a final report?

Yes, a final report outlining the success of the project, along with expense receipts, must be submitted to OIF within 30 days of the project ending.

10. What needs to accompany the application?

- A project budget that clearly defines revenue and expenses for the project
 - Clearly define how the matching portion will be realized
 - Key expense categories to complete project
- List of officers of the club

SAMPLE BUDGET

	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
REVENUES	Club fundraising project	\$500.00
	Matching Grant	\$500.00
TOTAL \$		\$1,000.00
EXPENSES	Concessions	\$550.00
	Paper goods	\$50.00
	Prizes	\$300.00
	Advertisement	\$100.00
TOTAL \$		\$1,000.00



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