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Rotary Club of Front Royal Awards Annual Community Grant to Two Local Organizations

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Front Royal – The Rotary Club of Front Royal awarded its annual community grant this year to two local organizations. This year the \$8,500 grants were awarded to the Skyline High School and Warren County High School marching bands in the amount of \$4,250 each to benefit their programs for the purchase of new uniforms.

Since 1976, the Rotary Club of Front Royal has provided 44 grants to the Front Royal-Warren County community totaling \$256,100. The projects have ranged from helping to refurbish the Ressie Jeffries Elementary School playground in 2017, to other projects including the purchase of hospital equipment, construction of the former Samuels Public Library building, to Homes for Our Troops to help build a new home for local war hero Bunky Woods, to support the Warren Coalition to provide a “Framework for Understanding Poverty” to Warren County teachers, and a “Bridges Out of Poverty” training that assisted community agencies to understand what support is truly needed to create a cultural shift away from poverty.

This year the Club was blessed with ten outstanding and worthy grant applications. In addition to the two organizations receiving funding, the list of organizations which submitted grant applications included:

- Warren Heritage Society
- Front Royal Women’s Resource Center
- Warren County Fair Association
- Front Royal Little League
- Front Royal Presbyterian Church/Community Table
- Warren County Thompson Kiss and Ride Playground Equipment
- Blue Ridge Educational Center Computer Lab
- Warren County High School Band Boosters Association
- Skyline High School Band/SHS “Band-aids”
- Arc of Warren, Inc

Qualifying organizations must be not-for-profit and benefit local citizens. It is preferred that the grant is used as seed money to start a “brick and mortar” or equipment project and not for general or operational expenses; however, it is not the intention of the Club to exclude a worthwhile and deserving project.

Skyline High School Band Director Daniel Holland thanked the Club for its contribution and noted that the fundraising program for new uniforms has been going on for several years, “and this \$4,250 will complete the drive and the new uniforms will be ordered soon.”

Warren County High School Band Director David Dingess outlined a series of fundraising events and efforts their Band Boosters intend to pursue to raise monies for their new uniforms over a 4-year period, with \$8,000 to be raised each year to fully fund their uniform drive. This is year one of the program and these monies will provide a great beginning to their drive.

According to Rotary Club President Kym Crump, “We are excited to offer support to these uniform purchases for our High School Marching Band Programs. These students inspire pride and tremendous spirit in their community and their schools, and it is indeed an honor to support our band programs.”

Past President Rick Novak, Chairperson of the Annual Front Royal Community Service Grant project added, “We also wish to thank our Club members and sponsors for their support of our events and programming throughout the year that makes funding our Annual Community Service Grant possible.”

The Club would like to take the opportunity to thank its FY 2018-2019 Club sponsors. With the support of its sponsors, the Club is able to better serve the Front Royal-Warren County community.

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