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East Hants General Government Grant Program

We want to thank you for your consideration in awarding us a grant in 2023. Rotary Club of Sackville and Area are respectfully submitting an application for a General Government Grant of \$ 500.00 as a non-profit organization to help with our “Recycle Your Cycle” project, again this year. We are registered under Joint Stocks as a Society - non-profit; Registered Name - Rotary Club of Sackville and Area; Registration Number – 3257252; Address: P. O. Box 147, Lower Sackville, NS, B4C 2S8.

About “Recycle Your Cycle”. In the spring of 2022, our Rotary Club entered into partnership with Sportwheels, a family-owned sport business in our area since 1947, Junk-Works Halifax and The Salvation Army to create a bike giveaway program for families-in-need, immigrant and refugee families in local communities.

How it works. We ask the community to donate used bikes, trikes, and scooters (non-electric) for all ages and drop them off at Sportwheels during the months of April and May. Sportwheels cleans and fixes them up, supplying new parts where needed. The Salvation Army distributes them to families-in-need and Junk-Works ensures waste materials are picked-up, properly disposed of, including further recycling of parts where the opportunity exists.

The project has been very successful; producing, in 2 years, over 350 ride ready cycles. Fund raising is in progress, this year, to pay for storage for bicycles, pickup and drop off of bikes to Sportwheels, for POD rentals and we are also hoping to include a new helmet with every gifted cycle. The cycles are distributed to local communities in our area including, Sackville, Fall River, Waverley, Mount Uniacke, Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Beaverbank, etc. Mount Uniacke was the recipient of 49 bicycles.

Collection of cycles started Monday, April 15th and will continue until June 2024. On Saturday, May 11th, our Club will join with Mount Uniacke Public Library to have a bike drop off. Bikes can be dropped off between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and will be transported to Sportwheels for cleaning and refurbishing. Attached is a copy of our fundraising letter for your perusal. Thank you for your consideration.

You can reach us by emailing rotarybicycles@gmail.com or me directly at pacathcart@hotmail.com

Yours In Rotary

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