

Bellevue Rotary Club

World Community Services

Project Contribution Proposal Form

Project Name	Building high school computer lab in Bulgaria
Project Contact Information	Angel Kelchev- Past Stanford Rotaract President & current District 5170 Governor.
Project Location	Foreign Language High School "Bertolt Brecht" Pazardjik, Bulgaria
Onsite Rotary Partner	Stanford Rotaract, Palo Alto Rotaract BCC Rotaract
Project documentation	Upon request
BRC Proposed Grant	\$1,000
BRC Contact	Rob Rose
Does the project meet BRC-WSC criteria?	No
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1. Summary

After the successful completion of this year's project, based on outstanding teamwork and drive from the involved clubs, we have decided to pursue a follow-up project of similar scope and vision, which would benefit the Foreign Language High School "Bertolt Brecht". Having the experience of this year's project behind us, we feel that we should continue our pursuit to better the education resources of young people in this underprivileged environment, who are looking for ways to expand their perspectives and gain the best education they can in order to face the challenges ahead. We also will approve this project to be a District wide initiative, which will involve not only Rotary and Rotaract Clubs but also Interact clubs from the area. We wish to expose Interact to international initiatives at an early stage and to better prepare them to become active Rotaract members and Rotarians in the future.

The objective of the project is to bring the high school students closer to up-to-date technology and to expose them to different opportunities for personal advancement available on the Internet and through various computer programs. The school's history of successful students is a testament to the ability and potential of the students attending the school. We believe that through our joint efforts we can greatly enhance the educational experience and opportunities for the students of the Foreign Language High School "Bertolt Brecht" in Pazardjik, Bulgaria.

2. Project Details

2.1. Description

The goals of the project are to raise sufficient funds to equip two small computer labs at the Foreign Language High School "Bertolt Brecht", which was achieved at the Mathematical High School, There labs will contain 20 desktop computers each. Additional equipment such as scanners, faxes, projectors and printers will also be bought in order to assist in teaching students how use to various technologies and to assist the actual academic process. Volunteers from Stanford Rotaract, Palo Alto Rotaract, BCC Rotaract and potentially from Interact clubs involved in this worthy initiative will be going to Bulgaria during the spring of 2007 to install the computers and connect them to the Internet in order to create countless opportunities for the students there. Another aspect of the project involves the creation of workshops addressing the various education systems found in different countries. Volunteers will be answering questions about application processes at different institutions, challenges of adapting to new environments and the post graduation.

2.2. Project Goals and Timeline

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2.3. Financial Disclosure

Total cost is around \$25,000

Description	Amount
TOTAL	

2.4. Project Impact

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2.5. Project Result Indicators

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2.6. Project Assessment

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3. BRC project criteria

Description	
Does the project save lives?	No
Does the project repair lives?	No
Does the project improve lives?	Yes. Through higher education and training
Does the project have onsite Rotarian involvement?	Yes. Three Rotaract clubs involved
Does the project have Rotary Matching Funds?	No
Does the project support District 5030 programs	No

4. BRC Recommendation

This project will also involve BCC Rotaract Club
This will also be a matching grant project with a total cost of around \$25,000. Our contribution would be between \$1,000-\$3,000.

5. BCR World Service Committee Approval

Name	Sign-off
Rob Rose (WSC Chair)	