

ROTARY FOUNDATION

GLOBAL GRANT

HUMANITARIAN APPLICATION



Global Grant Project Title : YACHANA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Global Grant Status : Paid

Global Grant Tracking Number : 25571

Host and International Sponsor Information

Host Sponsor : Los Chillos Milenio	International Sponsor : Daytona Beach West
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District : 4400	District : 6970
Club : Los Chillos Milenio	Club : Daytona Beach West

Section A - Project Summary

(1) Where will the project take place?

Community	City/Village	Country
Agua Santa	Napo Province	Ecuador

(2) List the specific objectives of the project (one per line).

(3) Describe how the project advances the goal of the area(s) of focus.

The project advances the goals of "Economic and Community Development" by providing some of the tools and equipment needed to the Yachana Technical Institute so that it can offer specific educational opportunities (otherwise unavailable), practical workshop training, improved income for its graduates, environmental conservation, job creation and job security

(4) Describe in detail the project and implementation plan.

The Yachana Technical Institute will open in January 2012. Initial funding to start construction and hire key personnel is being provided by the Inter American Development Bank over a three year period. Additional funding is coming from the Isora Foundation, GTZ German aid and other sources. In addition, the foundation has a number of initiatives to help

ensure the continuation of the Institute including: 1. the Kaya Foundation working in rainforest conservation, 2. micro enterprises, 3. courses offered at the Institute being funded by outside organizations like the Ministry of Tourism, 4. visiting international students for short periods of time or a semester. 5. The Institute will work under an agreement with SECAP, the national training organization who will pay for some of the technical professors. Even though the Institute will not open until January 2012, four professors have been hired and will start in September 2011 working on many of the details necessary. A director of the project who will be based at the Institute full time and a project coordinator who will work out of the Quito office have been hired under a 3 year contract funded by IDB. Additional personnel will be hired as necessary.

The curriculum will cover two years divided into the following phases. All of the instruction will have a strong practical or dynamic component included. The first six months all of the students will take 12 general subjects covering history, geography, English, ethics and leadership, math, statistics, accounting, computers, economics, etc. The following 12 months, will focus on the areas of specialization with a number of credit hours in practical applications. The final six months will be on the job training or more specialized training with a much lighter load of classroom instruction. English will be taught throughout the entire 24 months.

The implementation of this project will commence as soon as the funds are received.

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(5) What is the estimated start date of the project?

01 Sep 2011

(6) What is the estimated end date of the project?

31 Dec 2011

(7) With which area(s) of focus is the Humanitarian activity aligned? Select all that apply

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution - No

Disease Prevention and Treatment - No

Water and Sanitation - No

Maternal and Child Health - No

Basic Education and Literacy - No

Economic and Community Development - Yes

Section B - Rotarian Participation

(1) Describe how the host sponsor planned this project.

The local host club has known of the Yachana Foundation's work in education for some years both from personal contact and from local and international news sources (New York Times, National Geographic, BBC, etc.). The club has also served as host project club for various Matching Grants which supported mostly, the educational activities of the Foundation's work. During the course of previous contacts with the Foundation, the need for an institution of higher learning for the more gifted and ambitious graduates of the Yachana Technical High School, was always clearly evident. Also the need for an unconventional program in consideration of the fact that 1) the students would likely be mostly indigenous, 2) that they would probably want to continue to live in the Amazon region, and 3) that the needs

in terms of employment and/or business in this region are quite different to those found in Ecuador's major cities. The question then became one of waiting for the correct moment to launch the Institute project itself, and then to identify a needed and meaningful manner in which Rotary could participate. This project request is the result of that process.

(2) Describe how the international sponsor planned this project.

The international sponsor (Daytona Beach West RC) became aware of this project through connections with Rotarians in District 6960 and District 7790. The West Bay Rotary Club in District 7790 has years of project partnership within Ecuador and the host club. After several conference calls, emails and meetings between the host and international sponsor clubs at the New Orleans convention, the community need, project impact and success potential was agreed upon. The sponsor club also reviewed the organization of the project to ensure success. The sponsor club has gained additional support within District 6970 by presenting this project to other clubs for support. The sponsor club is working with a local technical training school for additional support and input for this project to further strengthen sustainability. There has been considerable time and effort by Rotarians from 4 Rotary Districts to plan and organize this project. It will have an impact on the target community, but the already proven benefit has been the friendships established by working together with Rotarians in Maine, Ecuador, southeast Florida and northeast Florida.

(3) Describe how the host sponsor will commit his/her time and expertise during the implementation of the project to ensure success. Provide specific examples of activities or tasks for which the host sponsor will be responsible.

Members of the host club's project committee will resume meeting with the Foundation's personnel as the approval process of this application progresses. When the application is approved and the funds are transmitted to the local host club, a special bank account will be established specific for this project. The frequency of the meetings between the Committee and the Foundation will vary depending on the variety and number of tasks at hand (for example, fine tuning of the list of tools and equipment, seeking additional sources of supply for the different items, obtaining quotations which are current and competitive, final selection of supplier(s), placement of orders, receipt of the goods, payment thereof, etc.) The Foundation will take receipt of the items in Quito and will arrange for their shipment to the project site in the Amazon. Committee members will visit the project site to ascertain safe receipt, proper installation and finally, successful use and operation.

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The Daytona Beach West RC will coordinate potential supplemental technical training programs from a major training company in our community to provide support and assistance for the Yachana Technical Institute. This assistance should facilitate sustainable support and enhance the training and employment of Yachana Technical Institute graduates. Members of the Daytona Beach West RC also plan to visit the site during implementation to assess further support opportunities.

(5) How do the sponsors plan to publicize this project?

The R.C.'s involved in this project have access to the media (newspapers, radio and television) in their communities who are always eager to report on this type of activity.

Appropriate signage at the project site, will identify and recognize Rotary’s participation. This is important because the Y.T.I. will be visited by thousands of tourists who come to the Yachana Lodge every year, and many of these visitors will be Rotarians. There is little doubt that they will record, and report to the clubs, Rotary’s positive presence in the Amazon jungle.

Section C - Cooperating Organization

(1) Cooperating Organizations

Name of Organization	Address	Contact	Website
Yachana Foundation	Reina Victoria N21-226 y Roca, Quito, Ecuador	Douglas McMeekin	www.yachana.org.ec/yachana_foundation.php

(2) Provide background information about the cooperating organization(s), including the role to play in the project activity.

The Yachana Foundation, which has been active for ± 20 years, operates primarily in the Upper Amazon (eastern) portion of Ecuador which, by virtue of its distance from the capital city of Quito and almost totally inexistent infrastructure, is certainly the neediest in the country. This Foundation, in addressing the usual problems common to the indigenour poor, attempts find and apply non-traditional and unique solutions, such as self-sustainability, to their problems. In this respect, the Foundation's efforts have met with considerable success.

The Foundation has a close relationship to Rotary by virtue of its having been the beneficiary of a Children's Opportunity Grant, has received many donations from Rotary clubs and districts, has participated in various Matching Grant projects, and every year hosts D-4400's 140+ YEP inbounds at the Lodge which it operates. We have no doubt that the Foundation is, and will continue to be, a valuable partner for Rotary as a result of the many shared values and objectives.

(3) Identify any host or international project committee members, or members of the host or international sponsors, who are employees, board members, or officers of one of the cooperating organizations.

None

Section D - Project Planning

(1) Who will operate, secure, and maintain the items purchased with grant funds, ensuring the items continue to function and making necessary repairs? This includes equipment, assets, and materials.

The Yachana Technical Institute will be responsible, but the Institute is part of the Yachana Foundation which has 21 years experience working in the region. The foundation has complete workshops for carpentry, metal and electrical and personnel trained to operate these shops. Most repairs can be taken care of on site. Others may require sending a piece of equipment back to Quito for repair. The size and history of the foundation ensures that equipment and materials will be well maintained and taken care of.

(2) Who will own the items purchased with grant funds at the end of the project? This includes equipment, assets, and materials. Items cannot be owned by a Rotary Club or a Rotarian.

The Yachana Foundation, an Ecuadorian not for profit

(3) How will the primary host sponsor maintain an inventory of the items purchased with grant funds, including location after distribution?

All items purchased with grant funds will be located in one place at the Yachana Technical Institute. The Los Chillos Milenio RC will have an agreement with the Yachana Technical Institute and the Yachana Foundation for the safe keeping and maintenance of the equipment. The agreement will include keeping the equipment on site and in service for the useful life of the equipment. The Los Chillos Milenio RC will periodically visit the site to verify the equipment is present and in use.

(4) What arrangements have been made for customs clearance if items will be purchased and shipped from outside the project country?

All equipment and supplies will be purchased in Ecuador

Section E: Sustainability and Measurability

(1) How will the project build capacity in the community?

The project will enable the Y.T.I. to offer courses to its students which are unique/tailored to the needs of the region. The result will be a supply of well-trained young people who will find opportunities in the area, to make use of their specialized training. The equipment included in the project will cover maintenance of outboard motor or motorcycles, computer skills and GIS training. These will provide a number of options for the young people according to their personal desires and needs. They will leave the program with employable skills that are in demand in the region or start their own businesses.

(2) What data/information will you collect to demonstrate the success of your stated objective?

(3) How will you collect this information?

(4) How will the outcomes of the project be sustained over time after the funding has been expended?

The Yachana Foundation has 21 years experience working in the same area of the Ecuadorian Amazon. The foundation owns 1,800 hectares of rainforest and has a major investment in infrastructure, so it is not leaving in the future. The Institute is new, but complements 6 years of experience in education with the technical high school. The alliances being formed will strengthen the program. The foundation has, or is developing a number of funding avenues to ensure sustainability.