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Public Library Name:*

Grand Rapids Area Library

City:*

Grand Rapids, MN

Please provide a brief description of your library:*

Grand Rapids Area Library is a public library serving the greater Grand Rapids, MN area – with a service population of over 21,000 people. Our library is the busiest library in northeastern Minnesota outside of Duluth. Along with circulating over 168,000 items annually, we offer passport acceptance, programming for children, teens, and adults, as well as community services and technology support.

For what are you seeking grant funding?*

We are seeking support to retrofit two drinking fountains into refillable water bottle stations. We currently have one refill station near the restrooms, which is very popular. We have two additional drinking fountains inside the library – one in our Children's section and one in the Adult/YA section. Switching these two fountains into water bottle refill/drinking fountain stations offers our patrons clean, filtered water at more convenient locations, and reduces disposable bottle waste.

Describe how your library receive tax deductible charitable funds (that is, through a “friends of” or through city government, etc.)*

The Grand Rapids Area Library is a department of the City of Grand Rapids, MN. As such, the City can receive grant funds on behalf of the Library.

Name of the organization that receives charitable funds for the library*

City of Grand Rapids

Address:*

420 N. Pokegama Ave.

City:*

Grand Rapids

State:*

MN

ZIP Code:*

55744

EIN of the organization that receives charitable funds for the library (above) format ##-#####:*

41-6005201

What is the TOTAL cost of the expense?*

Each unit costs \$2,162.25 x 2 = \$4,324.50. Tax will be: \$340.55. No shipping cost.

Total: \$4,665.05

The Building Maintenance Department for the City can switch out the old fountain with the new water bottle stations so there is no cost for labor.

Grant Amount Requested:*

\$4,665.05

How will you know your grant has been successful?*

As the refill stations track the equivalent of the disposable bottle waste, we can see how frequently these stations are used. We also will note anecdotal feedback from patrons. In particular, we know that in the Children's library, caregivers who need to mix formula have to leave the space to get water from the station near the restrooms. We will seek feedback from those patrons as a measure of the accessibility and convenience of the new stations.