

## **Rotary Club of Madison County Youth-Based Arts Grants Program**

**GOAL:** To create a process to grant funds from the 2019 Fiddlin' 5K Walk/Run for the Arts and replicate that process into future years. This will be a competitive grant process as there are limited funds available.

**BACKGROUND:** When the Fiddlin' 5K was created by the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival staff, it was intended to be a funding opportunity for the Madison County Arts Council's Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program. In 2016, the Rotary Club of Madison County had the opportunity to take on the task of organizing the dormant event. In doing so, Rotary's goal was to grow the event and create a continuing funding stream to support youth-based arts in our community. The definition of arts includes performing arts (music, theatre, etc) as well as visual arts (painting, fiber, pottery, woodworking, public art/murals, etc).

**TIMELINE:** The 2019 Fiddlin' 5K Walk/Run for the Arts took place in Mars Hill on April 13 with net proceeds of \$2,475.

- Applicants will submit their request for funding by September 15.
- A Grants Committee made up of Rotary Club members will review the applications and make a recommendation of winners to the Rotary Board.
- Grant recipients will be notified in early October.
- We may consider inviting recipients to a Rotary Club meeting to receive their checks and to tell the Club a little about how they intend to use their funds.
- Photos and a post project summary to the Rotary Club of Madison County is strongly encouraged.

### **PROCESS:**

- A simple grant application form will be available on our website and by request.
- Organizations that may apply include non-profits, churches, schools, clubs, community centers, etc.
- Individuals are not be eligible to apply.
- Grants will range from \$250 (minimum) to \$1,000 (maximum).
- The definition of "art" will be open to the interpretation of the applicant.
- We will use the definition of "youth" to be anyone 18 years or younger.
- Programs must be based in Madison County.

**QUESTIONS:** Call Connie Molland at (828) 450-8456 or email [MadisonNCRotary@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonNCRotary@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need additional information