



ROTARY CLUB OF EVERGREEN

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Attachment #6

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ISC Fund Request:

Date: July 20, 2007

To: Evergreen Rotary Foundation

Subject: India Watershed Management Project (to be located in the Thane District)

Amount requested: \$2,000

This is part of a U.S. \$133,000 RI Matching Grant Project in cooperation with Parker, LoDo, Denver and District 5450, in addition to Seattle and District 5430.

At the current time the lead club is Parker, but this may change to the Seattle club due in part to their larger monetary involvement. Hosts are the Rotary Club of Mid-town Bombay, Mumbai, India and District 3140

Timing:

Our commitment to become involved (as indicated by the attached form signed by current president and president elect) is requested immediately. The signature of our president-elect, as well as our president, is requested because it is a multi-year project. Actual funds will not be requested until approval by RI's grant board which next meets in October 2007.

Description of project:

This proposal is based on a test project, financed by a consortium of German banks, run on approximately 2000 acres. It involved the rotating, planting and harvesting of firewood trees as well as fruit and nut trees, on a 4-year cycle. It was extremely successful, having provided people with a year-long source of nearby potable water, increased gardening including marketable commodities, and generally kick-started a local agri-economy. It also raised the water table by 15-17 feet during the first 4 years of the test period.

Our proposed project involves construction of dams, canals, ditches, and recontouring and terracing, where practical, to capture monsoon water. It also includes re-forestation and will encompass 1630 acres. The impressive features of this project are that it restores the environment, addresses more than just water issues and it's sustainable. The social, educational, and medical implications are endless. This may well become a model project for many parts of the world.

ISC person responsible: Barbara Wingate, Chair CWPC - Mary Sheron, Champion

Funds to be issued to: This information will be supplied in October when the fund transfer is requested.

District 5450 Contact/Lead Person: Irv Buck, Parker Rotary, 303-915-7108, irvbuck@cs.com

Respectfully submitted for ERC approval by:

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Chair, ISC