

**POINT WEST ROTARY**  
**INTERNATIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

The International Grants Committee (IGC) is the global giving arm of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento. The IGC supports projects that adhere to the seven areas of focus as identified in the Rotary International Grant Guidelines: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Saving Mothers and Children; Supporting Education and Growing Local Economies; and Supporting the Environment. Our IGC budget, allocated each year by the club's president and funded by the club's Foundation, is used to support projects that primarily benefit children. The World Fund matching system through Rotary International (RI) multiplies our contribution to a project several times over, and the intense vetting process ensures our committee meets its fiduciary obligations to the Foundation. That being said, the IGC does support direct grants from time to time. In such cases, and after preliminary vetting by the IGC, final project approval rests with the club's separate Grant Review Committee.

Whether a project falls under the rubric of a global grant or not, it is vital to the success of any project that appropriate oversight is ensured. The IGC works in a capacity such that it is physically removed from the projects it supports, and as such, the committee greatly values the personal relationships it has developed with project partners. In some instances, those relationships have led to subsequent successful projects. Similarly, we welcome project suggestions from club members. These are usually borne of a close connection to the cause, and many times meet our comprehensive oversight requirement.

IGC committee members recognize the enhanced value of the U.S. dollar overseas. Since being chartered in 1985, Point West Rotary has supported multiple early education programs, anti-violence programs, water provision and purifications systems, sanitation and hygiene systems, and most recently, Covid-19 aid relief. The IGC strives to present its activities to club members in a regular and timely manner, and welcomes partnerships on a District and International level.

For information regarding committee work or a possible partnership, please contact the current IGC chair, Paul Friedrich, at [pfried28@gmail.com](mailto:pfried28@gmail.com).