

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about District Grants

District 6440 is excited to offer clubs new and wider ranging possibilities under The Rotary Foundation's new District Grants program. In order to help you understand the features of the District Grant program, the Grants Committee has developed this simple response to what may be the most frequent questions regarding the new District Grants program.

Of course, your Assistant Governor or members of the District Grants Subcommittee (Sandy Frum, Bruce Baumberger or Tucker Olson) are great sources for questions which aren't answered here or by visiting the [District Website](#).

1) **What is the difference between the old District Simplified Grants and the new District Grants Program?**

While your Club can still do all of the projects which were funded under the old Simplified Grant program, under the new District Grants program your Club can do even more!

Simple applications, available online via ClubRunner will walk you through the steps of domestic and international grants. The District provides a 1:1 match of Club dollars for either domestic or international projects at the \$500 or \$1000 level. **That's right; you can now do smaller international projects with District Grants.** You can even use the same application form.

But there's more!! Now your Club can apply for a grant of \$2500, which still provides a 1:1 match and it too can be used on either domestic or international projects. The application for these grants gets into a little more detail, i.e., you need to demonstrate that the project is in one of the six Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus and is sustainable, but still there is tremendous ability for your Club to be creative, partner with others and make a difference.

And there's even more!! You can receive a District Grant match of .50:1 for dollars you put up between \$2500 and \$5000. The same criteria apply as for the \$2500 level grants.

2) **Does our District Grant project need to have a hands-on component?**

As always, Rotary encourages hands on efforts of our Clubs, so that is a requirement for most District Grants, **but not all!**

Under The Rotary Foundation and District policies, District Grants can be used for Club defined Scholarships (any age, anywhere in the world) and for those Rotary partners like Shelter Box. So, for example, raise a \$1000 for one Shelter Box, through a District Grant, you can match that and get two. Raise \$2500 for Shelter Box, and through the District Grant, you can get a \$2500 match, and get five. **WOW!!** In addition, large grants (\$2500 and over) do not require a hands-on component.

3) **Is there an endless supply of money for District Grants?**

While there is a lot, it is not endless. The Rotary Foundation provides funds to each District based on past contributions to The Rotary Foundation by the District's Clubs and members. Of those funds the District receives from The Rotary Foundation nearly half are reserved to fund District Grants.

Second, the District will also consider what your Club has given to The Rotary Foundation. The more your Club and its members give to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the prior Rotary year, the more you are eligible to receive in either District Grants or in The Rotary Foundations Global Grants

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program. If your Club has given more than \$11,250 you will be able to max out your available matches (\$7,500 for Global Grants and \$3,750 for District Grants) under either program.

4) Can our Club apply for more than one District Grant?

Your Club can apply for one domestic and one international District Grant. However, you need to specify which you want funded first. We think the new District Grant program will be very popular, so we may not be able to fund all grant requests. But if the money is available, that is what we will do.

5) When are applications due and when will they be acted upon?

Applications for any District Grants you seek for the 2013 -2014 year are due no later than September 1st. Really, we mean it! The District Grant subcommittee will review the applications, seek approval from the Grants Committee, and submit our request to The Rotary Foundation for our funding. We expect to have the funds available for distribution by mid-October.

All applications will be submitted online via the ClubRunner Grants Module. Instructions for use of this new capability will be issued by early July. Watch district communications for details.

Important -- All projects must wait to begin until they receive the District Grant funds. The District Grant cannot be used retroactively. So plan your project start for November and you should be safe.

6) Where can we get more detailed information?

The District has put together a Quick Reference Guide and has applications and information available on the District Website. Your Club President has received a copy, but just in case it is lost in the few emails a President receives, visit the District Website and you can download your own.

NOTE: This is a first draft of FAQs. Suggestion about modifications of answer or new questions should be directed to Tucker Olson (Libertyville Sunrise) at bto@ecollc.com.