

ASCEND 2017

Proposed Rotary Global Grant (VTT)



GLOBAL GRANT TITLE: Resilience Capacity Training Program for Global Peacebuilders

ROTARY AREA OF FOCUS: Peace and Conflict Prevention & Resolution (PCPR)

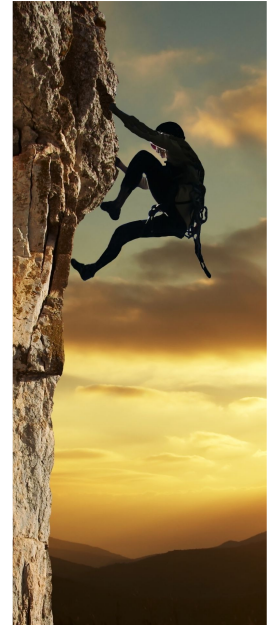
TYPE: Vocational Training Team (VTT)

LOCATION & TIMEFRAME: Barcelona, Spain (Winter 2017, TBD)

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The needs, goals and objectives of the *Ascend* 2017 grant are in full compliance with the Area of Focus Policy Statement found on The Rotary Foundation website, which seeks to “enable Rotarians to promote the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by...supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict.”

THE NEED

Peacebuilders are tasked with "changing the world," yet are often barely hanging on due to the unrestrained nature of the conflict, violence and despair they face on a daily basis. These professionals, most of whom are exceptionally well-trained and have invaluable experience, are burning out and leaving the sector from the impact of crushing trauma and overwhelming stress. Peacebuilder attrition also negatively impacts Rotary's other global economic development and humanitarian work in which these individuals are often involved.

GOALS & OUTCOMES

This Global Grant aims to support Petra's Peacebuilders' local peacebuilding partners to advance their peace work in conflict-impacted communities in healthier ways after having received this pro-active, trauma-informed resilience training and coaching to address the underlying causes of peacebuilder attrition. Detailed measurable outcomes can be found in the accompanying comprehensive *Ascend* Funding Proposal.

Stronger ties between Rotary, Petra Peacebuilders and our local peacebuilding partners on the receiving end will be an additional important by-product of this Global Grant.

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OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM DESIGN

Resilience coaching for people building peace helps these key individuals find the answers to their most important questions around the issues of, "What do I need in order to have greater resilience to trauma and high stress in this work?" and "How do I go about getting these important needs met in my own context?"

Petra Peacebuilders' *Ascend* program will enable peacebuilding professionals to craft the strategies they need to stay effective and healthy in the field for the long term, even in the face of the surrounding threats.

Ascend will consist of a cohort of 15 diverse peacebuilders who commit to a 6-month resilience training and coaching program. The focal point of the *Ascend* program is a 5-day intensive residential training in strategically-positioned Spain, provided by world-class, culturally-diverse trainers from Petra Peacebuilders.

The 6 months of personalized coaching and mentoring—both the 2 months before the 5-day training as well as the 4 months afterward—are included to support the sustainability outcome. The initial 2 months of assessment coaching primes the program participants to put to immediate use the critical training they are about to receive. The latter 4 months of implementation coaching will provide the long-term accountability and sustainability currently missing in much of the sector's trauma and resilience training.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

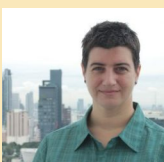
Ascend has strong monitoring & evaluation (M&E) standards and metrics built into the program. These can be reviewed in the accompanying comprehensive *Ascend* Funding Proposal document.

THE PARTNER ORGANIZATION

Petra Peacebuilders, Inc. (PetraPeacebuilders.org) was founded by Rotary Peace Fellow Bianca Neff in direct response to field-based needs in the areas of trauma and burnout resilience. Petra Peacebuilders is a highly-trained global network of professionally certified peacebuilder coaches and trainers who have been uniquely trained to provide resilience training and coaching projects around the world. Petra coaches have successfully served peacebuilders worldwide including in Angola, China, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Nepal, North Korea, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Turkey, the United States and Vietnam.

ANTICIPATED GLOBAL GRANT FINANCING

The preliminary budget for *Ascend* 2017 is \$75,000. See attached *Ascend* Funding Proposal for full program details, including budget line items.



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"Competence in trauma and resilience is seminal to the efficacy of peacebuilders, who confront darkness both within and without as they continually wrestle with the aftermath of their own experiences and the living nightmares of the world. For most of them, this competence will become equally as important as other, more technical skills. Inclusion of resilience training and support is essential for the long-term sustainability of both peacebuilders and their work. It is for this reason that I heartily commend the work of Petra Peacebuilders in strengthening the vital personal capacities of the next generation of global peacebuilders."

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