

District 7950 Grants Policy 2013-2014

This document has been written to explain the District's Grant Funding Policy for 2013-2014. As we enter into a new "Era" of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Grant's Program, we hope and the TRF hopes, that this new process will increase enthusiasm for Grant Projects. The District Foundation Team will continue to educate all Rotarian's who want to be educated about this new program. We want to make this new process as simple, accessible and transparent as possible. So please, as you begin planning Grant Projects, don't hesitate to ask us if ANY questions come up. If we don't have the answer we will get it for you and we will always review with TRF so our answers are correct. We are all learning this year and we truly hope it will be a smooth first year.

There are two types of Grant Program Policies outlined in this document:

- District Grants
- Global Grants

Please read this document carefully.

- Look for a Grants Training Session in "Your Neighborhood" soon.
- Refer to <http://www.rotary.org/en/grants>

District Grants:

Maximum: The district will match up to \$3,000 for a club or multi-club project (e.g., club contributes \$3,000 and district matches with \$3,000 for a total project of \$6,000 maximum). If the club's project is worth more than \$6,000, the club will need to find other sources for the additional costs.

Minimum: Clubs need to provide \$500 in funds for a district match of \$500 (e.g., total project minimum value of \$1,000).

Requirements: Projects may be local or international in nature. All participating clubs must have donated funds to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the current or immediately preceding Rotary year and meet TRF Terms & Conditions. For multi-club projects, one club will take the lead position for administrative purposes. Please note: projects must be initiated and completed between date of award (estimated November 15th as stated below under "Deadline") and June 30, 2014. Receipts for project activity not dated within this specified time frame are not eligible for reimbursement.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/grants/learning-reference/policies-procedures>

Total Available in 2013-14: The total sum available in 2013-14 is **\$25,000** (up from last year's total of \$19,000).

Deadline: All District Grant requests must be received by the District Grants Committee on or before October 1st, 2013. The Grants Committee will consider all requests at once and awards will be announced on or before November 15th, 2013. Applications will be available on the district web site after July 1, 2013.

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Global Grants:

Maximum: The district will match up to \$10,000 for a club or multi-club project:

Example:

Club contributes \$10,000

District matches \$10,000

TRF matches 50% of Club's (\$10,000) contribution \$5,000

TRF matches District's contribution \$10,000

Total project budget of \$35,000

Minimum: The minimum project value for Global Grant participation is \$30,000.

Requirements: Projects must fall into one of TRF's "Six Areas of Focus", must utilize the on-line application process, and must meet all TRF Terms and Conditions <https://www.rotary.org/en/grants/learning-reference/policies-procedures> before TRF will submit the project for district approval.

Total District Match Available in 2013-14: \$48,047.

Deadline: All Global Grants requests are considered by TRF on a rolling basis throughout the year (first-come, first-served) and must be applied for online at <http://www.rotary.org/en/grants>. Once TRF approves the request and submits it to the district, the district will respond with whatever funds are remaining of the original \$48,047. If the district funds are depleted, clubs may choose to find other funding sources or they may choose to wait until the district next has available funds.

Annual Program Fundraising Into the Future:

All Grant Funds are derived from the annual contributions made by clubs and/or individual Rotarians to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. If all clubs met the "Every Rotarian Every Year" suggestion that every Rotarian include The Rotary Foundation in their personal annual giving plan, the funds available to clubs in our district could easily triple in future years!

As a reminder, The Rotary Foundation operates on a three-year funding cycle designed to give districts time to plan and select project participants and to enable the Foundation to use the investment earnings to pay for administrative and fund development costs.

According to the formula used by the Rotary Foundation, 50 percent of Annual Program Fund (APF) contributions in 2012-13, by Rotarians and Clubs within our District 7950 will become available to be used by the District as the District Designated Fund in 2015-16.

Based on our best estimate from current feedback from Clubs so far this year, demand by Clubs in our District for grants will rise dramatically under the New Vision focus. In order to be able to accommodate clubs in 2016-17, we will have to set the TRF fund raising goal (**2013-14**) for the APF at **\$250,000** or approximately double for what has been raised annually over the recent years. Please keep this in mind as you are preparing your budgets for 2013-14 and share this information with your club members and with other clubs.