**District 5580 World Community Service (WCS) Matching Grant Application Instructions**

**What is a Matching Grant?**

Matching Grants support international humanitarian service projects. Rotary clubs or districts from two countries work collaboratively to implement a project.

**Who can apply?**

Rotary clubs from District 5580 may apply. The Rotary clubs or districts must be in good standing with District 5580 and TRF (The Rotary Foundation). This includes payment of dues and being current on reporting for previous grants.

**What is the reason for the grant request form change?**

Money donated by D5580 Rotarians for World Community Service (WCS) projects (part of D5580 annual dues) deserves the same level of stewardship that money donated to The Rotary Foundation does. Therefore, the grant application has been changed to match that of a grant form requesting money from The Rotary Foundation.

**What are the requirements of a WCS Matching Grant?**

WCS Matching Grants must involve a (host) Rotary Club or Rotary District or established NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in the project country (host) and a Rotary club in District 5580 implementing a humanitarian project. Partners are expected to:

• Maintain communication for the life of the project including semi-annual interim reporting and a final report. Failure to do so will result in the club(s) returning ALL WCS funds to D5580!

• Establish a committee of at least three Rotarians to oversee the project

• Treat grant funds as a sacred trust

• Maintain clear and accurate accounting

***All projects must*** ***have active Rotarian participation and oversight. Active participation can include:***

• Managing project funds

• Visiting the project site on an as-needed basis

• The international and host partners sharing information via correspondence

• The partners sharing expertise

• Purchasing, shipping, or distributing items purchased

• Publicizing the project to local media and the district

**What projects are eligible for a WCS Matching Grant?**

Matching Grants fund humanitarian projects that benefit a community in need. Many projects fall within this broad scope; however, certain items/activities are not funded through the program. The chart below gives a general eligibility outline. Because WCS funds are District 5580 funds only, construction projects are allowed. This is about the only variable from Matching Grants of The Rotary Foundation. If you are unsure of the eligibility of your project, please contact the District 5580 Grants Subcommittee chair.

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| **Projects that are NOT eligible include:** | **Projects that ARE eligible include:** |
| Establishment of a foundation, permanent  trust, or long-term interest-bearing account | Revolving loans/microcredit  Short-term rent or lease of buildings  Purchase of land or buildings. |
| Salaries for individuals working for  another organization Administrative  expenses for project activities  Operating or administrative expenses  of another organization | *Construction of infrastructure such as service roads, wells, reservoirs, dams, bridges, latrines, toilet blocks, water supplies, and other similar structures.*  *Construction or renovation of any structure in which individuals live, containers, mobile homes, or structures where individuals carry out any type of activity such as manufacturing, processing, maintenance, or storage, including*  *provision of new services or upgrade of facilities*  *Purchase of equipment or appliances*  *Provision of plumbing or electrification inside buildings \*\*\** |
| Domestic travel, International travel |
| Land mine removal |
| Transportation of vaccines or immunizations by hand over national borders |
| Projects already undertaken and in  progress, existing projects, activities  primarily sponsored by a non-Rotary  organization, or projects already completed |
| Purchase and distribution of birth control  devices and ultrasound equipment for use  in sex determination | Short-term and/or contracted labor for project implementation |
| Primary and secondary education, tuition and transportation. |
| Unspecified or cash donations to  beneficiaries or cooperating  organizations | Detailed, itemized expenses Contingencies, miscellaneous expenses |
| Assistance to land mine victims |
| Fundraising activities or expenses  related to Rotary events such as  District conferences, anniversary  celebrations, or entertainment activities  that do not include a humanitarian aspect | Publicity expenses such as newspaper fees, or printing of posters, brochures, or fliers to inform the community of an available service |
| Rotary signage |
| Projects that support purely religious  functions at churches and other places  of worship | Vaccines and immunizations, if the project is consistent with the criteria, procedures, and policies of the PolioPlus program and World Health Organization |
|  | New Rotary-sponsored projects not already in progress or completed |
| Maternal and prenatal health and education |
| Budgeted and itemized humanitarian goods |
| Humanitarian or service activities benefiting a community in need |
| Secular, nonreligious activities that benefit a community in need |

\*\*\* Projects that include building and/or repairing schools, clinics and other structures are

projects that can be specifically funded by the District 5580 **World Community Service** (***WCS***)

Fund. This is the difference between TRF grants and the WCS grants. The World Community Service fund is meant to be used mainly for structures that would not be funded by TRF grants.

**What are the funding limits?**

Sponsors may request US$ from The District 5580 WCS Fund. WCS matches $1 for every $1 of a cash contribution from Rotary Clubs of District 5580 or from individual contributions. Each year the WCS collects roughly $33,000 from District members based on an annual member assessment. Unused funds roll forward year to year and are available until the WCS funds are depleted.

# How to apply

Sponsors must complete a District 5580 **World Community Service *Matching Grant Application*** and submit it to District 5580. Applications are accepted throughout the year and acted on quarterly by the Grants subcommittee. A ***mentor will be assigned*** to assist you and the mentor’s signature is required prior to submitting the application to the District Grants Subcommittee Chair [bcrosby@far.midco.net](mailto:bcrosby@far.midco.net).

**NOTE**: Applications must be in English and should be submitted single-sided and unbound and should be typed, not handwritten. ***Applications should be submitted electronically.***

**What are the reporting requirements?**

**Interim** reports are required at least every 6 months for the life of the project. A **final** report is due within two months of the completion of the project. Project partners must be up to date on all reporting for previous projects, as failure to do so will result in all new applications being returned. The District 5580 Rotary Club must be in charge of the project from a timing perspective.

From the time the grant is approved, the project must be completed within two years and a final report turned in within two months. Failure to report will result in the club(s) returning ALL WCS funds to D5580!

**How to submit the application**

Completed applications (must be in English) should be sent to:

# District 5580 Grants Subcommittee Chair

As listed on the District Website: [www.clubrunner.ca/5580](http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580)

The Grants subcommittee is available to answer questions and to assist with the Grant application process as needed.

***Additional inclusions needed with the application are:***

1. Letter of Request from the Host Club or NGO
2. A detailed map or GPS coordinates
3. An itemized budget for the project
4. Floor plans or blueprint (if building is involved).
5. Explanation of Land Ownership (if there is a question here).

**District 5580 World Community Service (WCS)**

**Matching Grant Application**

***FOR DISTRICT 5580 USE ONLY (once Grant is approved)***

***District Grant No. WCS -***Click here to enter text. ***Date Approved:*** Click here to enter a date.

***District Grant Subcommittee Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***District Rotary Foundation Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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**IMPORTANT**: ***A project already started will not be eligible for World Community Service funds.***

**Explanation**: Matching grants support the humanitarian service projects of Rotary Clubs and Districts. In this section, describe in detail the humanitarian need your project will address, the intent of the project including info on the beneficiaries (how the project will benefit the community in need), how the project will be implemented, and how Rotarians will be directly involved in the project (involvement is required by both the Host Club and International Partnering Club).

Click here to enter text.

Please provide the name of the project site, the city or village, state or province, and country. Provide a detailed map of the area or provide GPS (Global Positioning Site) coordinates.

List multiple locations, if applicable.

Project Site: Click here to enter text.

City/Village: Click here to enter text.

State/Province: Click here to enter text.

Country: Click here to enter text.

GPS coordinates (if no map is provided): Click here to enter text.

Provide name of ownership of property that structure on which structure is to be built.

Click here to enter text.

Provide a blueprint/detailed drawing of the proposed structure as an attachment.

Provide the estimated length of time needed to complete the project.

Click here to enter text.

Describe how the benefiting community will maintain this structure or project (financing of maintenance, etc.) after grant funding has been fully expended and who will be responsible for sustainability of the structure.

Click here to enter text.

Describe specific activities of the Host and International Partners in implementing the project.

Click here to enter text.

What will the Rotarians who are members of the partner clubs do during the project? Please note that financial support is not considered active involvement. (Refer to ***Matching Grant Application Instructions*** for suggestions.) Click here to enter text.

**Explanation**: The **Host Partner** is the **Club or District in the project country**. A committee of at least **three (3) Rotarians** must be established to oversee the project. The primary project contact must be a member of the primary Club identified below. The **Project Committee** must be composed of members of the sponsoring Rotary Club or NGO for Club-sponsored projects or District for District-sponsored projects. The committee members must be committed for the duration of the grant process. Please provide the primary address for all committee members, as all D5580 information will be sent to this address. It is **required** that the primary contact (who receives all information from D5580) have an email address to expedite communication.

**Primary Rotary Club/District or NGO**:

Club: Name and Number and/or NGO: Click here to enter text.

District: Click here to enter text. Country: Click here to enter text.

**Primary Contact**:

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Project Contact #2:**

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Project Contact #3**:

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Explanation**: The **International Partner** is the Club or District outside the project country. In this case, **the International Partner would be a Club in District 5580**. A committee of at least three (3) Rotarians must be established to oversee the project. The primary contact must be a member of the primary Club identified below. The project committee must be composed of members of the sponsoring Rotary Club(s) for Club-sponsored projects or District-sponsored projects. The committee members must be committed for the duration of the grant process. Please provide the primary address for all committee members, as all D5580 information will be sent to this address. It is **required** that the primary contact (who receives all information from D5580) have an email address to expedite communication.

**Primary Club/District**:

Club or District Name: Click here to enter text. Club ID Number: Click here to enter text.

District #: 5580 Country: USA CAN

**Primary Contact**:

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Project Contact #2:**

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Project Contact #3**:

Name: Click here to enter text.

Member ID (if known): Click here to enter text.

Club Name: Click here to enter text.

Position: Click here to enter text.

Street Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State or Province/Postal Code: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email Address (**Required):** Click here to enter text.

**Explanation**: Official Exchange Rates can be found at: [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/rates.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/rates.html). Please use the most recent rate.

NOTE: The host club/district contributions are NOT matched by D5580.

**ITEMIZED BUDGET TO BE COMPLETED BELOW**:

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**Subtotal all items in country currency: $**Click here to enter text.

**Exchange rate used US $1 = $**Click here to enter text.

**Explanation**: Clearly list all financing in US dollars in the section below, noting which funds will be contributed in cash and which will be contributed from D5580 WCS funds. Use of WCS must be approved by the Grants Subcommittee and authorized by the District Rotary Foundation Chair**. The Host Club or District must provide at least $100 in cash**, and it is highly recommended that they match as much as possible with “in kind” donations of sweat equity whenever possible.

**Note: *A project bank account must be established in District 5580 or Host Country before WCS Grant Funds will be distributed. When established and total club/cash contributions have been deposited into the account, the WCS Grant matching funds will be sent directly to the project bank account***.

**Host Club (Project Country) cash donation: $**Click here to enter text.

**D5580 Rotary Club(s) or District outside the Project Country:**

**Cash (US$):** Click here to enter text.

**Subtotals, Cash: $**Click here to enter text.

**Total Cosponsor Contributions: $**Click here to enter text.

**Total Funds requested from D5580 WCS Fund: $**Click here to enter text.

**Additional outside funding not matched by WCS fund: $**Click here to enter text.

**Total Project Financing (Must equal budget): $**Click here to enter text.

**Explanation:** Before an application is submitted to D5580, project partners should discuss various planning details. The questions and statements below are a guide to aid project planning. Note that a Rotary Club/District or Rotarian may not own anything purchased with grant funds.

* Identify who will own equipment and maintain, operate and secure items purchased with grant funds.
* Will training in use and maintenance of technical equipment be provided? If so, who will provide such training?
* Is software necessary to operate any items? If so, has software been provided?
* Indicate what arrangements have been made for customs clearance if items will be purchased and shipped from outside the project country.
* Provision of plumbing and electrification to structures where people live or work may be funded with WCS funds. Have plumbing or electrification for equipment and appliances in existing buildings (hospitals, schools, libraries, orphanages, etc.) been considered and funded?

**Explanation**: Authorizations ensure that both partners are aware of, and interested in, pursuing the described project. By signing below, the current Club Presidents for Club-sponsored projects, and current District Grants Subcommittee Chair for District-sponsored projects, as well as the committee members, agree to the criteria listed and affirm their support of the projects.

All Rotary Clubs, Districts and Rotarians involved in this project are responsible to D5580 for the conduct of the project and its subsequent reporting. The signatures of all involved parties confirm that they understand and accept responsibility for the project. Parties may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

**By signing below, we agree to the following**:

* All information contained in this Application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the project as presented in this Application.
* The Club/District agrees to undertake this project as an activity of the Club/District.
* We ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in Project Financing) will be forwarded to the proper bank account after approval of the grant.
* District 5580 may use information contained in this Application to promote the project by various means, such as the D5580 Website, the District Newsletter and other publications of the District.
* The partners agree to share information on the best practices when asked, and D5580 may provide partners’ contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar projects.
* To the best of my knowledge and believe, except as disclosed herewith, neither I nor any person with whom I have or have had a personal or business relationship, is engaged or intends to engage in benefiting from D5580 grant funds, or has any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest.
* A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of D5580 grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of D5580. (**NOTE**: Any and all exceptions must be explained in an attached statement.)
* Interim Reports are due every 6 months until completion of the project. The Final Report is due within two months of project completion. Failure to report will result in the club(s) returning ALL WCS funds to D5580!

**Host Partner**

President (Club-sponsored)

District Grants Subcommittee Chair (District-sponsored)

Name (print): Click here to enter text.

Title: Click here to enter text.

Rotary Club Name or

NGO: Click here to enter text.

District #: Click here to enter text.

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Date: Click here to enter a date.

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**International Partner**

Club President (Club-sponsored)

District Grants Subcommittee Chair (District-sponsored)

Name (print): Click here to enter text.

Title: Click here to enter text.

Rotary Club: Click here to enter text.

District 5580

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: Click here to enter a date.

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**Explanation:**

A ***cooperating organization*** (for example, an NGO) is an organization that is directly involved in the implementation of the project, offering technical expertise and project coordination.

A ***benefiting entity*** is the recipient of goods or services and is not considered a cooperation organization.

If this project involves a cooperating organization (neither a Rotary Club nor the beneficiary of the project), provide the following:

**Name of Organization:** Click here to enter text.

**Street Address:** Click here to enter text.

**City, State/Province, Postal Code, Country:** Click here to enter text.

**Office Phone:** Click here to enter text.

**Email Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Web Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Also, have the project contact provide the Project Contact information as listed above.**

**In addition to the above, the following must be attached**:

* Letter of participation from ***cooperating organization*** that specifically states:
* Its responsibilities and how it will interact with Rotarians.
* The organization’s agreement to cooperate in any financial review of the project.

**Explanation**: Although both partners are responsible for completing the Interim and Final reports, ***D5580 requires that one (1) partner take primary responsibility for submitting the Final Report to D5580. It is recommended that the primary project Club in D5580 takes this responsibility***.

**By signing below, our Club accepts Primary Reporting responsibility.**

***Print Name***: Click here to enter text.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club Name: Click here to enter text.

District 5580

***Mentor’s Printed Name***: Click here to enter text.

Mentor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Before submitting your WCS Matching Grant Application, please take a moment to review this checklist.***

* Does the project meet all grant policies and guidelines?
* Does the project description clearly state how the project will assist those in need?
* Are the activities of the host and international partners clearly explained?
* How will Rotarians be actively involved in the project?
* Have both the host and international partners created committees to oversee the project?
* Are these individuals correctly listed on the Application with their complete contact information?
* Is a detailed, itemized budget included in the Application?
* Is ownership of the property on which the structure will be located clearly stated?
* Is a blueprint/detailed drawing of the structure included?
* Are all partner contributions listed in the application, noting which are from the WCS fund?
* Have the Club Presidents from the host and international partners provided their authorizing signatures?
* Has the assigned D5580 Mentor signed off with their approval?

**If a cooperating organization is involved, please make sure the following letters are included with the Application:**

* Letter from the organization specifically stating its responsibilities, how it will interact with Rotarians, and agreeing to cooperate in any financial review of the project.
* Has the D5580 Grants Subcommittee assigned Mentor certified that the Application is complete and eligible?

**\*\*\* Have the partners made copies of all documents for their files prior to submitting them to D5580?**

**\*\*\* Completed Applications should be sent to both of the following:**

* District 5580 Office: ***Diane Collins*** [bigfish@uslink.net](mailto:bigfish@uslink.net)
* Grants Subcommittee Chair ***Blake Crosby*** [bcrosby@far.midco.net](mailto:bcrosby@far.midco.net)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the [[1]](#footnote-1)Grants Subcommittee Chair.

1. RI District 5580 Revision: January 02, 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)