

District Grant Review Criteria 2026-2027

The following criteria are used by the committee to assign a point value to each District Grant submission. Partial points may be awarded based upon the thoroughness of the described activity.

| Mission: Help Rotarians contribute to world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving people's health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty. | Points |
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| Per capita giving ranked amongst all grant applications. | +25 |
| Committee review score (also includes alliance with Rotary Foundation Mission) | +30 |
| Does the project include Club members or other Rotarians? (Are Club members actually participating). | +15 |
| Does the project provide - Rotary Recognition? | +15 |
| Does the project include Media/PR Plan? (includes social media) | +15 |
| Does the project include any aspects described on the attached Restrictions page | -100 |
| Does the project unfairly discriminate against any group, promote a particular political or religious viewpoint, support a purely religious function, support activities that involve abortion, or that are undertaken for sex determination, fund the purchase of weapons or ammunition or serve as a new contribution to the Foundation or to another Foundation grant. | -100 |
| Total Points | |
| - BONUS POINTS - | |
| To be assigned only in years when Grant Requests exceed the amount of Grant Funds Available to award | |
| (bonus points) Does the proposal include an evaluation section to measure impact | +3 |
| (bonus points) Does the project involve a cooperating organization or academic institution that provides expertise, infrastructure, advocacy, training, education, or other support for the grant. | +3 |
| (bonus points) Does the project have a lasting impact, e.g. sustainability. | +3 |
| (bonus points) Opportunity for on-going Club and Member Service (more than a one time) | +3 |
| (bonus points) Does the proposal relate to an RI area of focus (7) | +3 |

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GRANT RESTRICTIONS PER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT GRANTS

District Grant-funded activities may not:

- A. Discriminate against any group
- B. Promote a particular political or religious viewpoint
- C. Perform purely religious functions
- D. Provide continuous or excessive support to any one person, entity, or community
- E. Establish a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account
- F. Create financial liability for The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International that is greater than the grant funding
- G. Include fundraising activities
- H. Transport vaccines over national borders without prior approval of government and regulatory authorities in the originating and receiving countries
- I. Require anyone to work without pay. (Projects should strive to uphold labor rights and fair wage practices; if the people who will benefit are required to volunteer on the project, their explicit consent is required.)
- J. Require work by anyone below the country's legal working age or, if the law doesn't specify, anyone under age 16

District grant funds also may not be used to pay for:

- K. Expenses that are incurred, or activities that are in progress or already completed, before the grant is approved
- L. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, or another Foundation grant
- M. Purchases of land or buildings
- N. Weapons or ammunition
- O. Military assistance
- P. Expenses related to Rotary events such as district conferences, conventions, institutes, anniversary celebrations, entertainment events, or project ceremonies
- Q. Public relations initiatives, unless they are essential to completing the project
- R. Project signage that costs more than USD \$1,000
- S. The operating, administrative, or indirect program expenses of another organization
- T. Unrestricted cash donations to a person or cooperating organization
- U. COVID-19 vaccines
- V. Immunizations that administer only the polio vaccine
- W. Travel to National Immunization Days
- X. Abortions or procedures that are undertaken solely for sex determination
- Y. Study at a university that hosts a Rotary Peace Center in the same or a similar academic program as Rotary Peace Fellows
- Z. International travel for anyone under age 18, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian or are participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program
- AA. Loan guarantee systems
- BB. Items that would then be owned by a Rotary district, Rotary club, Rotaract club, or member
- CC. The detection and removal of land mines or the purchase of equipment to remove land mines