**District 6380 Grant Criteria 2021-2022**

**Preamble:** The purpose of the district grant application and approval process is to further the mission of Rotary International by supporting initiatives that reflect Rotary’s seven areas of focus, namely: Promoting peace + Fighting disease + Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene + Saving mothers and children + Supporting education + Growing local economies + Environmental.

**How it works:** Money donated to the Annual Fund is invested by The Rotary Foundation (*Charity Navigator* gives it four stars, with a perfect score of 100!). Every year 50% of the funds collected three years prior is returned to the district. This formula is used for every district around the globe. This money is then made available through the District Grant process to the clubs of each district to encourage clubs to initiate projects, both local and international, in support of the six areas of focus of Rotary International.

**Requirements for submitting a District Grant proposal:**

1) President-Elects must attend PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar). In addition, one member from the club must attend a Grant Management Training.

2) Club President and Club President-Elect must sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We will continue to use the requirements that The Rotary Foundation uses for qualified clubs (refer to the MOU).

3) District Grants must be submitted by June 15, 2021.

4) The Grants committee will act on District Grants by July 15, 2021.

5) All approved District Grants will be submitted as a block grant immediately after July 15, 2020 to The Rotary Foundation.

6) Grants will be considered in rounds until all the District Designated Funds (DDF) money is used.

7) Money is matched 50% with a cap of $2,500. For example, for a $7,500 project, if the Club commits $5,000, the District matches with $2,500. If the Club commits $2,000, the District matches with $1,000.

8) The project must have some hands-on element by the club Rotarians or Rotarians in another district where the project might be taking place. If the project meets basic human needs, the club can reapply for the grant. If the project has several phases, each phase is a different project.

9) The project must start in the Rotary year that the grant was applied for.

10) Clubs applying for District Matching Grants must be current on their District dues.

11) Clubs applying for District Matching Grants must have submitted final grant reports from the previous year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply for a District Grant. In lieu of the $100 per capita, we ask to you continue to support The Rotary Foundation and give to your capacity. The District Grant Funding is determined by the Foundation giving three years prior to the current Rotary year. Keep in mind that Charity Navigator has given The Rotary Foundation its Highest Rating for the last 10 years.