DISTRICT GRANTS 2021-2022

Frequently Asked Questions

The Rotary International Foundation's District Grant Program provides funds to each District to be used to provide matching grant funding for local and international projects. The funds designated by the Rotary Foundation are administered by District 6440 through the District 6440 District Grants program. The District Grant Committee has developed the following information in response to frequently asked questions.

You may contact the District Grant Committee at distgrants@rotary6440.org, or visit the District Website/Foundation.

New or updated for 2021-2022:

- 1. District Grant Training was provided virtually on Feb. 6th. The entire program may be viewed through the link on the District Website.
- 2. The Final Project Report for 2020-2021 grants and the Application for 2021-2022 matching grants are on the District Website.
- 3. Clubs may apply for **two District Grants**; one Domestic and one International, or two of either, Domestic or International.
- 4. Funding for each Club is available to the maximum of its DDF for District Grants. This chart with DDF for all clubs is available by accessing the link for *DDF Eligibility* on the District website. Funds are matched on a 1:1 basis with a **minimum of \$500** to the **amount of each club's DDF**. There are no other specific limits for the amount of matching grants.

Requirements to be eligible to apply for a District Grant:

- 1. At least **one member of the club** must have **completed GMS training** by either having participated in the February 6th program or having viewed the entire recorded program on the District Webpage.
- 2. The 2021-2022 Club President must post **club 2021-2022 goals** for the Annual Fund, End Polio Now and Membership into Rotary Club Central.
- 3. The **Memorandum of Understanding,** the "MOU," must be executed by the 2021-2022 Club President and by either the 2021-2022 Club President-Elect or Club Secretary. The form is available on the District website and at the PET's orientation.
- 4. Each Club must complete and file the **Individual Project Report** for each 2020-2021 District Grant awarded to it. Except for RYLA and educational scholarship grants, all receipts must be uploaded with the final report.
- Have the application on file and all other conditions satisfied by THE FILING DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2021.

How do clubs apply for a District Grant?

The single page application form is available on the District Website/foundation. The Final Project Report form, which must be completed for each grant awarded, is also available on the District Website.

What is the funding formula?

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The District provides a 1:1 match on Club dollars for District Grants in a minimum of \$500 to the maximum of each Club's District Grant DDF. DDF Eligibility is posted on the District Website.

For grants of \$2,500 and above, the project must be one which is within the Seven Areas of Focus of The Rotary Foundation (Environment is a new Area of Focus as of 7/1/21).

Does the district grant project need to have a hands-on component?

The answer to this question is normally yes. Rotary encourages hands-on efforts as a component of most, but not all, projects supported by District Grants. Because of the pandemic, in the interests of the safety of Rotarians and the individuals associated with the beneficiary agencies, the hand-on condition has been disregarded.

Under The Rotary Foundation and District 6440 policies, a hands-on component is not required for District Grants used for Club defined scholarships (any age, anywhere in the world) and for the support of Rotary sanctioned partners such as, Shelter Box.

When can an application be filed, when is the last date for filing and when will it be acted upon?

Applications for District Grants for the 2021-2022 year, can be filed any time after the date of the Grant Management Seminar, Feb. 6, 2021, up to and including the **filing deadline**, **June 15, 2021**. Funds are generally received from the Rotary Foundation in mid-August. Checks are issued shortly thereafter so you can expect to receive funding sometime toward the end of August 2021.

Important: Grant funding may not be used for previously completed projects. Accordingly, the commencement date for all projects should be after the checks are issued by the District.

Where can I get more information?

The recording of the Grant Management Seminar is available for viewing on the District Webpage/Foundation. In addition, inquiries can be directed to the District Grant Committee at distgrants@rotary6440.org.