

## D-6440 DDF Matching Policy for Inter-District Global Grant Partnerships

Whether it is within D-6440 or with Rotary Clubs outside D-6440, partnering has become an important part of the Global Grant process. Partnering allows Sponsoring Global Grant Clubs to achieve maximum matching dollars, undertake large scope projects and, perhaps equally important, to draw more Rotarians into the exciting, incredibly important international service project world. Together sharing expertise and financial resources, Clubs can redefine their sense of community to include other parts of the world.

Partnering also allows clubs which have interest in becoming involved in international projects a way to learn the ropes of Global Grants and to participate in projects which they might not otherwise be able to lead on their own.

While D-6440 has established rules for intra-District partnering (all partnering clubs are within D-6440) which can be accessed by clicking on this link to our [District Website](#), the purpose of this document is to establish a clear policy for inter-District partnering (one or more participating clubs are outside of D- 6440).

Generally, for inter-district partnering, with one limited exception as noted below, District Designated Funds (district matching money, referred to as DDF) will follow club cash provided by D-6440 Clubs in the same manner as with intra-district policy.

### General Policy:

1. D-6440 District Designated Funds, earned through club and club member contributions to Annual Fund SHARE, are available **only as a match to club cash** pledged by a D-6440 club toward a global (or district) grant. This is true whether the global grant is sponsored by a club or by a district and whether the sponsor is within D-6440 or outside of D-6440.
2. Non-D-6440 club cash or non-D-6440 DDF matching money, pledged for or given to a D-6440 club or district sponsored global grant is not eligible for a match by D-6440 DDF.
3. With the exception of the DDF that comes annually from interest on Endowment Fund SHARE, D-6440 cannot, as a district entity, pledge or provide DDF on behalf of D-6440 outside of matching D-6440 club cash.
4. Since the Endowment Fund SHARE interest received annually cannot be tied directly to prior specific club or club member contributions and thus cannot be attributed easily to club matching eligibility, it is deemed a unique DDF portion. The Grants Committee will consider requests from members of the "Governor line" (DG, DGE, DGN) for allocations of this unique portion of current year DDF in support of grant activity and partnering with another district without the requirement for D-6440 Club cash.
5. D-6440 DDF can be allocated only from current Rotary Year funds. Future year DDF may not be committed, pledged, allocated or designated by D-6440 for any current or future Rotary Year project.

### Comments:

Partnering is a two-way street. It is important that we only ask others to do what we are willing or able to do. Clubs or Districts which participate as partners with D-6440 Sponsors, need to be kept informed, invited to become actively involved in project management and activities, and given materials (photos, final reports) so that they can present project results to their members. Also, Clubs and Districts that have brought partners into their project should expect to be asked to partner with those former partnering clubs or districts on projects they lead in the future. Failure to anticipate and budget for partnering requests from clubs or districts that have partnered with you can sour what is otherwise a wonderful opportunity to build cooperation. Remember, partnering means that your club or district doesn't have to lead a project for it to be excellent and worthy of support or the source of an inspiring Rotary story.