

## WEEK 47 FOUNDATION MINUTE – PLAN NOW FOR LOCAL IMPACT

Rotary clubs have always focused on the needs of their local communities. Club financial archives and service histories reflect the breadth and scope of these initiatives – funded through the generosity of club members and successful fundraisers. In 2009, our District began to offer the District Grant program to our clubs whereby District funds matched grants of either \$1000 or \$500 from participating clubs. Projects needed to be located within 50 miles of the Rotary club. Rotarians from the Club were required to be ACTIVELY involved in the project, with a committee of at least three Rotarians supervising the project during its entire term.

Today, District Grants not only fund small-scale, short term activities which address local community needs, but also small international grants. They also fund vocational training teams, scholarships, and humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts. All proposed grants must comply with the policy and guidelines for The Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian grants.

Has your club reassessed the needs of its local community? Are the needs changed as a result of the CoVid pandemic – which might redirect what you do this coming year? This is the time to make sure what your club is doing remains relevant and meets the most critical local needs; supporting an international project that matters to your club members is an option too. All applications for District Grants are due by June 15, 2021, for funding in the 2021-2022 Rotary year.