



ROTARY DISTRICT 7010

GLOBAL GRANTS INFORMATION

(For Rotarians wishing to do a humanitarian or educational project using a Global Grants)

A. Philosophy

Global Grants fund large international projects with long-term, sustainable outcomes in one or more of Rotary International's seven Areas of Focus. They must be of a minimum value of US\$30,000. They are funded with club funds, personal contribution, matched by District Designated Funds (DDF) in an amount to be determined by the District Executive, and a match from the TRF World Fund.

Increased demand for grants has resulted in changes to the formula for matching funds from TRF.

- 2021/22 - Club contributions are not matched by the World fund, DDF funds from the District are matched by the world fund at 80%. The 5% administrative fee is split between the World Fund and DDF.

All Global Grants must

1. Assist in the development of stronger Rotary networks as clubs and districts from different communities or countries/geographical areas work together,
2. Support activities sponsored by two Rotary clubs or districts; one located in the country where the activity will take place (host) and one outside of that country (international),
3. Take place in Rotary countries and geographical areas, or non-Rotary countries where the RI Board is actively pursuing extension,
4. Provide sustainable outcomes (i.e., fulfill a need on a long-term basis after grant funds have been expended,
5. Include active participation by Rotarians from all primary clubs and districts,
6. Include one primary host and one primary international club or district sponsor. Nonprimary clubs and districts can contribute funds to support the grant,
7. Conform to one or more of the selected areas of focus,
8. Produce measurable outcomes and be able to account for success in a quantifiable or observable manner.

Characteristics about Humanitarian Global Grants that make them interesting:

1. Activities/projects usually take place in Rotary countries and areas; they encourage international partnerships between clubs and districts.
2. Clubs and Districts may participate in a cooperative relationship with organizations at the local and international levels.
3. Can provide a greater role for and participation of Rotarian Action Groups.
4. Form international partnerships between clubs and districts and/or organizations with which TRF has a strategic partnership.
5. Projects are designed to support the areas of focus that are based on Rotarians' interests and specific selection criteria.
6. Focus is on long-term projects/activities (e.g., typically completed in 3-4 years).
7. Can include larger grant awards.
8. Encourages or requires sustainability.

In District 7010 we encourage Clubs giving leadership to a new International Global Grant Project to consider working together with at least 3-4 or more other District 7010 Clubs, especially when it comes to soliciting and sharing project interest and to raising the necessary project finances.

B. Areas of Focus

Global Grant projects must fall under at least one of the 7 areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation:

1. Peace Building and Conflict Prevention
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Community Economic Development
7. Environment

The District Governor may prefer and/or encourage projects in one area of focus or a select a few of the areas of focus during his/her tenure.

C. Early Planning of a Global Grant

Global Grant projects are major commitments of both Rotary Clubs and their related Districts. Projects can be led by either a Club or by the District.

Each Club that leads a Global Grant project must give a significant financial contribution to the project and secure at least 2 other District Clubs that will also financially contribute to the project. The contribution of the lead Club and 3 or more other clubs must be at least US\$7,500.

D. Global Grant Planning in the Early Stages

Each year the amount of funding available for global grants in the District varies depending on the level of contributions received from the District to the Annual Fund 3 years previously. To manage funding and ensure limited resources are shared equitably, the District has an established procedure.

As soon as a Club has interest in initiating a Global Grant, the District's Global Grant Chair must be contacted and provided details of what the Club hopes to do and the funding it is seeking. A project review committee will then conduct a thorough review of the proposal and determines if funding is available. Only after this review is complete and the findings communicated with the potential applicant can the application be filed in draft in the grant portal on the TRF website. It will be filed in the District 7010's Draft project category. It is then the project will be given a Global Grant number.

Rotarians cannot use grants to reimburse clubs or districts for activities and expenses that are in progress or already completed. We encourage Clubs to plan for activities before a grant is approved, but please do not incur any expenses. If you want to alter a project after a grant is approved, the Foundation must approve those changes before they are carried out.

E. How Global Grants Are Funded at the District level

Global grants have a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. Grant sponsors can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or [directed gifts](#) to fund a global grant. The Foundation will provide a World Fund 80% match for all DDF contributions. There is no minimum World Fund match.

Global Grants funding from the District is enabled through contributions from individual Rotarians and Clubs to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)/Annual Fund (AF). The exact amount of DDF generated comes from each District's Annual Fund giving three years prior plus some Endowment Fund earnings. Each District may use only a part of their District Designated Funds (DDF) for Global Grants. The rest of the DDF is used for District Grants, transfers to Polio Plus, Vocational Training Teams and Rotary scholarships.

Therefore, it is important to recognize that those clubs that do not contribute to TRF are relying on the goodwill of other clubs and individual Rotarians when they apply for funding. Therefore, all clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to support The Rotary Foundation by contributing to the Annual Fund.

F. Eligibility Guidelines for all Foundation Grants

All Foundation grant activities need to:

1. Be related to and conform with the TRF's mission
2. Conform to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants.
3. Include active participation from Rotarians.
4. Exclude TRF or Rotary International (RI) from any liability beyond the amount funded by the grant.
5. Support only projects that adhere to relevant Canadian governing laws and harm no individuals or entities.
6. For projects located outside of Canada, all governing laws of the host country must be followed.
7. Be reviewed and approved by the Foundation before being implemented.
8. Demonstrate sensitivity to the traditions and culture of the area where a project will be carried out.
9. Comply with the "Conflict of Interest Policy for Program Participants as outlined in section 30.040. of The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies.
10. Comply with Rotary International's policies for the use of the name "Rotary" and other Rotary logos, emblems, and graphics, as outlined in sections 34.040.6. and 34.040.11. of the Rotary Code of Policies.
11. Include signs on or near projects that identify the role of the grant sponsors and The Rotary Foundation, as outlined in section 40.010.2. of The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies and in accordance with Rotary's Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines.
12. Follow Rotary's Privacy Statement for Personal Data outlined in section 26.080. of the Rotary Code of Policies.

G. Eligibility Guidelines specific to Global Grants

In addition to the eligibility criteria listed above, Global Grants:

1. Support activities that align with one or more of Rotary's seven areas of focus.
2. Benefit communities in countries and geographical areas where Rotary has clubs.
3. Are based on the needs of the community where a project will be carried out. Any club or district that applies for a global grant to support a humanitarian project or a vocational training team needs to conduct a community assessment and design the project with the host community in response to the results. Sponsors must also include the results in the grant application.
4. Are sponsored by at least one Rotary club or district in the country where the grant project will take place (the primary host sponsor) and one or more outside that country (the primary international sponsor). TRF may make exceptions for projects in countries where Rotary does not have clubs but where RI's Board is actively pursuing extension.
5. Are sustainable. Communities where a project is carried out must be able to address their own needs after the Rotary club or district has completed its work.
6. Are measurable. Sponsors select standard measures from the Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement and may add their own measurements.
7. May be used to build infrastructure, such as toilet blocks and sanitation systems; access roads; dams; bridges; storage units; fences and security systems; water or irrigation systems; and greenhouses. If the project will access groundwater, you need to have done a hydrogeological survey. The cost of that can be included in the grant budget.
8. Support international travel for up to two people as part of a humanitarian project. These people provide training or implement the project if the local Rotary club confirms that those skills are not readily available locally.

H. Restrictions

Grants cannot be used to unfairly discriminate against any group, promote a particular political or religious Viewpoint, support purely religious functions, support activities that involve abortion or that are undertaken solely for sex determination, fund the purchase of weapons or ammunition, or serve as a new contribution to the Foundation or to another Foundation grant.

Foundation Grants cannot fund:

1. Continuous or excessive support of any one beneficiary, entity, or community.
2. The establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account. Grant funds can be used to establish a microcredit fund if the sponsors comply with the requirements detailed in section X.
3. The purchase of land or buildings.
4. Fundraising activities.
5. Expenses related to Rotary events such as district conferences, conventions, institutes, anniversary celebrations, or entertainment activities.
6. Public relations initiatives unless they are essential to carrying out the project.
7. Project signs that cost more than \$1,000.

8. The operating, administrative, or indirect program expenses of another organization, with the exception of expenses allowed within the project management allocation for global grants.
9. Unrestricted cash donations to a beneficiary or cooperating organization.
10. Activities for which the cost has already been incurred.
11. Transportation of vaccines over national borders without prior approval of appropriate government and regulatory authorities in the originating and recipient countries.
12. Travel to National Immunization Days.
13. Immunizations that consist solely of the polio vaccine.
14. Study at a university that hosts a Rotary Peace Center in the same or similar academic program as Rotary Peace Fellows
15. Projects that require a person to work without pay. Projects should instead strive to reinforce labor rights and fair wage practices. If beneficiaries are required to provide sweat equity their explicit consent is required.
16. Projects that requires work from someone below the country's legal working age, or under age 16 if the law does not specify.

In addition to the restrictions listed above, Global Grants cannot fund:

1. Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotary Friendship Exchange, Rotaract, Interact, or New Generations Service Exchange programs.
2. International travel for people under age 18, (unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian).
3. New construction of any permanent structure in which people live, work, or spend a significant amount of time, such as hospitals or container and mobile homes, or of structures in which people carry out activities such as manufacturing and processing. If the grant depends on the construction of a building, that construction must be paid for with non-grant funds.
4. Renovations to complete buildings that are partially constructed (including those with only the exterior completed) but that have never been occupied or operational.
5. Travel for staff of a cooperating organization involved in a humanitarian project.
6. Activities primarily carried out by an organization other than Rotary.
7. Humanitarian projects that are primarily research-oriented or focused on data collection.
8. Humanitarian projects that consist solely of individual travel expenses.
9. Undergraduate studies, such as for a bachelor's degree.
10. Multiple unrelated projects under one grant.

I. Timing and Administration

Unlike District Grants, Global Grants can be researched, planned, and applied for at any time in the Rotary year. It is well known that most Global Grant applications take months (if not a year) of planning to get them submitted to TRF, recognized, reviewed, and approved.

In the early planning stages of Global Grant project planning and development, it is most important to involve the Chair, District 7010 Grants Committee. Developing support of other Clubs and the District is critical to the quality and funding of the project.

J. Qualification of the Club and the District to administer Rotary Foundation activities

Both the district or club in the country where the activity is carried out and the international partner district or club (usually the role we assume) must first become qualified before applying for a global grant. To be qualified the Club must have members who have successfully completed the Global Grant training and complete and submit the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The District can only be qualified when it has received all the MOUs from the Clubs wishing to do Foundation activities.

K. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an official document provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for Clubs that wish to do a District or Global Grant project in the up-coming Rotary year. The MOU explains the measures the Club must undertake to ensure proper implementation of Global and District grant activities and management of Rotary Foundation Global and District Grant funds. By authorizing this document, the Club agrees that it will comply with all Foundation requirements.

Yearly, every Spring before any Rotary Foundation Grant is considered, it is mandatory that the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by each current Club President and President-Elect as well as individual Rotarians who have taken current grant training and plan to apply for a Club project supported by TRF/DDF.

- Grant training must be completed by one member of the Club each year; training must be current and is required every year.
- Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure two Rotarians are trained in the event that the trained individual cannot continue with the grant due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Qualification and certification will be offered on The Learning Centre. Rotarians are asked to complete the modules and answer the questions to receive certification.
- Record of completion of the modules must be sent to the District Rotary Foundation Director.
- Once the MOU is signed by the current President and the President-Elect of the club, a copy must be sent to the Grants committee and the District Rotary Foundation Director.
- The Rotarian that receives the grant training must be the same individual who completes the paperwork for the grant. Even if there are multiple Rotarians with certification in the club the individual applying for the grant must be the same person to complete all communication (both written and verbal) and continue with the grant through to its completion.

L. How to Apply for a Global Grant

The Final Global Grant application is completed online through the Rotary International Website (not ClubRunner). Before getting into the grant area Rotarians thinking about doing a project should first utilize the [Global Grant Application Template](#) that can be found on the RI website. The latest version we have found is dated December 2020. The template reflects the questions you will be asked on the online global grant application. You can use this document easily for planning purposes. The actual grant application can be found at www.rotary.org/grants.

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