

# District 7010 Rotary Foundation Grants Training Module 2 - District Grants



2023-2024 Edition

#### Introduction



The District Grants Program allows Clubs to apply for funding from District 7010's District Designated Fund to help finance relatively small, short-term activities and projects that address the needs of a local, national or international community.

Those activities and projects help Rotarians contribute to world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving people's health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

## District Grants Program Funding for RY 2023-2024



For Rotary Year 2023-2024, District 7010 will match Club project investments 2:1 to a maximum of \$2,000 CAD.\*

#### **Examples:**

- \$500 (club) + \$1,000 (district grant) = \$1,500 income
- \$1,000 (club) + \$2,000 (district grant) = \$3,000 income
- \$2,000 (club) + \$2,000 (district grant) = \$4,000 income

<sup>\*</sup> When clubs collaborate on a project, only 1 club can receive district grant funding

## District Grants Eligible Activities



#### District grants program can fund:

- Humanitarian projects
- Educational programs and scholarships
- Cultural and language training
- Construction or renovation projects... and more

### District Grants Training Learning Objectives



#### Learning Objectives:

- 1. Know how clubs become qualified for district grants
- 2. Be familiar with the lifecycle of district grants
- 3. Understand the elements of district grant program processes
- 4. Learn about district grant program oversight, contacts and resources

## How Clubs qualify for District Grant funding



Clubs must be "qualified" each year... that means:

- Club President and President-Elect sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with District 7010
- 2. Club has no outstanding dues or debts with District 7010 or RI
- 3. Club Rotary Foundation Chair's name is posted in Rotary Club Central & on the Club's website...

## How Clubs qualify for District Grant funding



Club "qualification" (continued)...:

- 4. Contribution goals to the Annual Fund and the Polio Plus Fund are posted in Rotary Club Central
- 5. A least 2 club members complete district grant "management training" for the grant project implementation year
- 6. Club has no Rotary Foundation grant reports overdue.

## Lifecycle of District Grant Projects (from the club perspective)



#### Process begins in February and ends 17 months later, on June 30th

Project
Initiation
Phase. Club
"qualifies"
then submits
grant
application
online to
District

15 Feb – 1 Jun

District and TRF evaluate then approve or reject the grant application

1 Jun – 15 Jul

Club
implements
and
completes
the project

15 Jul – 1 Jun

Club files final report online with District

On or before 1 Jun Final report
accepted by
District.
Grant funds
issued to Club
by District

On or before 30 Jun

#### District Grant Project Initiation Process (Jan – May)



Step 1: Clubs cultivate ideas for a district grant project, then

Step 2: Confirm proposed project adheres to <u>Terms and Conditions</u> for Rotary Foundation Grants, then

Step 3: Take steps to get the Club "certified" (eligible) to receive district grant funding, then

Step 4: Finalize project details and create a budget, then

Step 5: Apply for district grant funding by 1 June.

## District Grants Program Application Process



- Get paired with a District Grant Mentor\* to help the Club complete the application process before the 1 June deadline
- Applications are submitted by clubs using District 7010's online grant management system, which is accessed through the District's website

<sup>\*</sup> contact District 7010's <u>District Grants Sub-Committee Chair</u> to arrange mentor services

### District Grants Program Application Approval



- Completed applications are processed by the District Grants Sub-Committee and, when approved by district leadership, are sent to The Rotary Foundation as part of the District's annual district grant funding request
- When District's funding request is approved by The Rotary Foundation, District 7010 will inform the Club that their project can proceed

### District Grants Program Project Implementation



- Project activity (planning excepted) and spending must not occur before "go ahead is received from District
- Clubs must pay vendors or service providers directly or, on presentation of proof of purchase, transfer funds to non-Rotary project partners for expenses incurred
- Clubs should <u>not</u> transfer funds to non-Rotary project partners in faith that the funds will be used appropriately

### District Grants Program Project Implementation



- Project activity must be completed in time to file final report before the June 1 final report submission deadline
- Club retains all project invoices and payment receipts
- Club obtains minimum of 2 pictures that show the essence of the project and visually connects Rotary to the project

### District Grants Program Project Implementation



#### **Best Practices:**

- Club pays vendors or service providers directly or, on presentation
  of proof of purchase, transfers funds to non-Rotary project
  partners for expenses paid
- Clubs should not transfer funds to non-Rotary project partners (expecting that the funds will be used appropriately).

### District Grants Program Final Report & Payment



- Clubs must file a complete final report online on or before 1
   June of the project implementation year\*
- Final report includes; short written report, financial summary, invoices, expense payment receipts and photos)
- District 7010 issues grant funds when the Club's final report is accepted by the District Grant Sub-Committee

<sup>\*</sup> implementation years start 1 July and end the following June 30th

### District Grants Program Oversight



- District 7010 Stewardship Committee provides oversight of all Rotary Foundation funds issued by the District
- Clubs and Rotarians participating in the district grant program are responsible for maintaining good financial control of all Rotary Foundation and project monies.

## District Grant Program Contacts



For more information about district grants or to have your Club paired with a District Grant Mentor contact:

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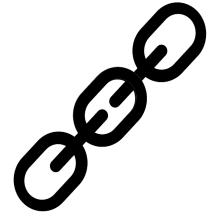


## District Grants Program Resource Documents



#### Links to Resource Documents:

- Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Grants
- District Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- <u>District Grants Management System User Guide</u>



### District Grants Training Summary



#### Now you know...

- The things clubs must do annually to become eligible for district grant funding
- 2. About the lifecycle of district grants
- 3. Details about district grant project initiation, application, project implementation, reporting and payments processes
- 4. About District Grant Program oversight, contacts and resources

## District Grants Program Training



Congratulations! You have completed District's 2023-2024 district grants program qualification training module. You are well prepared to finish your annual qualification training by successfully completing a 10 question quiz about the material covered in this module.

To advance to the quiz **CLICK HERE**.