

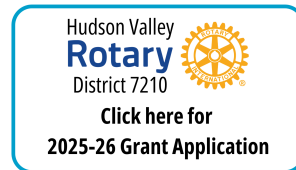


February 20, 2025

Rotary District 7210 wants to help you fund your projects to DO GOOD in the world!

Our Foundation Grants Committee is seeking local and international projects for our 2025-26 District Grants. The District Grant process is very simple if approved: apply, do good, report, get funds!

You can access the applications on the Foundation tab of our [District 7210 website](#) or by clicking the logo to the right. **The application must be completed online by the current Club President**, with a subsequent automated confirmation by the Club President-Elect.



Please note additional details regarding the District Grant application and approval process:

- It is preferred that the Project address one or more of [Rotary's seven Areas of Focus](#).
- Your Club President-Elect or a Club Representative must have attended the 2025 MNE-PELS.
- A minimum total project amount of \$1,000 is strongly encouraged.
- The maximum amount your club can apply for cannot exceed the club contribution to the project.
- The District Grant Application must be for a single significant project or program. A Club may not submit separate applications for more than one Project. Choose your most significant Project!
- The project must not begin before July 1, 2025, or when notice of final TRF approval is given, whichever is later, and must be completed no later than June 30, 2026.
- Your club must be current with its 2024-25 district dues by April 30, 2025. Furthermore, clubs that are awarded a district grant must be current with their 2025-26 district dues when their final report is submitted to receive their award check.
- All costs will be borne by the Club and only reimbursed by District funds, subject to approval and limitations by The Rotary Foundation, after satisfactory completion of the project, including:
 1. Progress Report no later than March 1, 2026, unless the final report has already been submitted.
 2. A Final Report once the Project is completed with all required documentation no later than May 15, 2026. If your Project will be completed between May 15th and June 30th, you must indicate this on your Progress Report and confirm the pending details by June 15, 2026.
 3. Confirmation of ALL Club expenditures for the project is required, including bank statements or canceled checks PLUS receipts or invoices.
- The Club must adhere to appropriate stewardship measures and grant management practices and is encouraged to complete the applicable Rotary [Grant Management Seminar](#) courses available on the Rotary Learning Center. Past District Grant process performance by the Club will be considered by the Committee on this and future grants. Further information is available on the MyRotary.org [District Grants webpage](#).

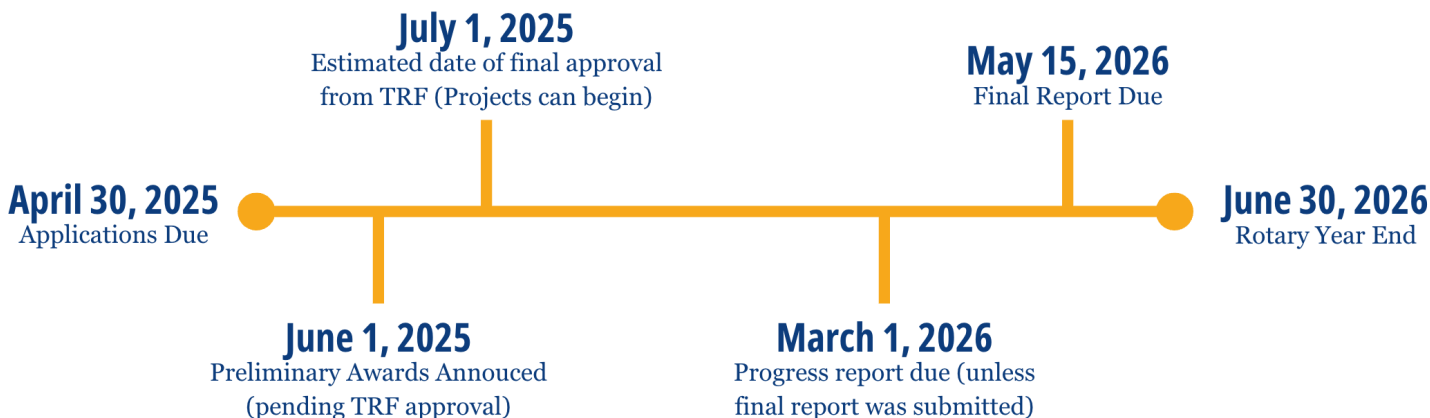
If for any reason you have questions about how to qualify and/or complete the process, please feel free to contact the Grants Committee, as we are here to help you achieve your goals and DO GOOD in the world!

Sincerely,

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District 7210 Grants Committee Co-Chair

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District Grant Review Criteria for Rotary Year 2025-26

A. Review Criteria: Large-Scale Multi-Club Project

District 7210 wishes to encourage our Clubs to work collaboratively on larger and more impactful Projects, whether here in the Hudson Valley or beyond. If a proposed Project meets the following *Large-Scale Multi-Club Project Criteria*, that Project will automatically be awarded a 100-point score on the Review Criteria (*see below*) and will not be subject to the “*Available Funds Proportional Reduction*” (*provided that in doing so the resultant proportional reduction for all other Single Club Projects is not less than 50%*):

1. The Project must be a collaboration between five or more D7210 Rotary Clubs. D7210 Rotaract and/or Interact Clubs may participate (*not as Primary*) but must document that the source of their funding is not their Rotary Club sponsor.
2. The Project must be led by a “Primary Sponsor Club” which will be responsible for the coordination and submittal of all information required for the District Grant Application, Final Report, etc., for the duration of the Project.
3. If calculated, the Review Criteria for the Project and Primary Sponsor Club would be 70+ points.
4. The requested District Grant amount must be no less than \$5,000 (project \$10,000+), but not more than \$15,000 (project \$30,000+), subject to availability. The Primary Sponsor Club’s portion of the contribution to the project must not be greater than the total combined contribution by all other participating Clubs.

B. Review Review Criteria: Single Club Project (*this section has been updated from previous years*)

The following is a summary of the Review Criteria used in evaluating the quality of the Projects for which District Grants have been requested by a single D7210 Club. Points are calculated based upon these criteria, then the points are used to award funds in proportion to the total amount of approved District Grant application requested funds to the available District Designated Funds from Rotary International for this Rotary year (“*Available Funds Proportional Reduction*”), with the Projects with the higher points receiving proportionally more funds. If the calculated Total Preliminary Award Amount, after applying each Project’s Review Criteria points score, exceeds the available Total District Designated Funds, Projects with calculated Preliminary Award Amounts that exceed that Club’s average donation to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund for the prior three years may have their Award Amounts reduced to be approximately that average donation amount.

1. **Project Impact** 30 points maximum
 - a. The project is a hands-on project directly related to one or more of Rotary’s seven Areas of Focus 10 points
 - b. People in need who will benefit directly from this Project:
Between 50-100 (5 points), Between 101-200 (10 points), Over 200 (20 points)
2. **Project Reach** 10 points maximum
 - a. A brief public relations plan has been submitted with the project application to share the project and the impact with the community 5 points
 - b. The project will partner with and receive financial funding from another non-profit organization, including other Rotary/Interact/Rotaract clubs 5 points
3. **Participant Engagement** 30 points maximum
 - a. More than 25% of the Rotary Club’s members directly participate in the Project. 5 points or
More than 50% of the Rotary Club’s members directly participate in the Project. 10 points or
More than 75% of the Rotary Club’s members directly participate in the Project. 20 points
 - b. Club’s sponsored Interact and/or Rotaract Club’s members directly participate in the Project. 10 points
4. **Foundation Support** 30 points maximum
 - a. \$100/member to Annual Fund average & 100% EREY participation, past 3 years. 5 points/year
 - b. Club donations to the Annual Fund exceeded this grant request, past 3 years. 5 points/year
5. **Bonus Points!**
 - a. The Grant Funds requested are 25% or less than the Total Project amount. 10 points
 - b. Percentage of Club Members that actively participate in Rotary Direct donations as of April 30, 2026:
More than 10% (5 points), More than 25% (10 points), More than 50% (15 points)
6. **Sustainability** – The project will provide a direct impact beyond June 30, 2026. 5 Points

Rotary District 7210 District Grant Application
Single Club Project

(to be completed by current club president)

Rotary Club: _____ President's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Description *(please limit additional/attached information to only that absolutely required to support your application)*

1. Describe the Project briefly. What will be done, where, when will project activities take place, etc.?

2. What Rotary Areas of Focus will be addressed? _____
3. What significant need in this location does the Project respond to? _____
4. How many people in need will benefit directly from this project? _____
5. What % of your Club's Rotary members will participate directly? _____ % Interact/Rotaract Members? _____ %
6. What will the Rotarians do? Please give at least two examples (not including financial support provided to the project).

7. Please provide a brief public relations plan on how your club plans on sharing the project and its impact with the community.

8. Yes, our Club President or Club Representative attended the 2025 MNE PELS.

Financial Report

9. Anticipated Income <i>(please be specific)</i>	Amount
a. Club contribution _____	\$ _____
b. District Grant Funds Requested <i>(ultimately this amount is likely to be less than requested)</i> _____	\$ _____
c. Other _____	\$ _____
Total Anticipated Project Income	\$ _____
10. Anticipated Expenditures <i>(categorize, but please be specific)</i>	
a. _____	\$ _____
b. _____	\$ _____
c. _____	\$ _____
Total Anticipated Project Expenditures <i>(Total Expenditures must equal Total Income above)</i>	\$ _____

Certifying Signature

By signing this report, I confirm that any/all District Grant funds awarded will be spent only for eligible items and in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, including but not limited to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. I also certify that our Club will adhere to appropriate stewardship measures and proper grant management practices. If requested, our Club will cooperate with any financial, grant or operational audits and will retain appropriate records as required to facilitate the same for a minimum of seven years, or longer if required by local law.

Club President Signature: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Approval of Grant to be completed by District Rotary Foundation Chair, Grants Chair or District Governor:

Certifying Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Print Name and Rotary Title _____ Date: _____

Rotary District 7210 District Grant Application

Large Scale Multi-Club Project

(to be completed by Primary Club Sponsor)

Primary Rotary Club: _____ Primary Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Description (please limit additional/attached information to only that absolutely required to support your application)

1. Describe the Project briefly. What will be done, where, when will project activities take place, etc.?

2. What additional clubs are collaborating on this project? (a minimum of 4 additional clubs must be listed)

3. What Rotary Areas of Focus will be addressed? _____
4. What significant need in this location does the Project respond to? _____
5. How many people in need will benefit directly from this project? _____
6. What % of your Club's Rotary members will participate directly? _____% Interact/Rotaract Members? _____%
7. What will the Rotarians do? Please give at least two examples (not including financial support provided to the project).

8. Please provide a brief public relations plan on how your club plans to share the project and its impact with the community.

9. Yes, ALL participating Club Presidents or Club Representatives attended the 2025 MNE PELS.

Financial Report

10. Anticipated Income (please be specific)	Amount
a. Club's contribution _____	\$ _____
b. District Grant Funds Requested (amount between \$5,000-\$15,000) _____	\$ _____
c. Other _____	\$ _____
Total Anticipated Project Income (no less than \$10,000)	\$ _____
11. Anticipated Expenditures (categorize, but please be specific)	
a. _____	\$ _____
b. _____	\$ _____
c. _____	\$ _____
Total Anticipated Project Expenditures (Total Expenditures must equal Total Income above)	\$ _____

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Primary Contact Signature: _____ Primary Contact Email: _____ Date: _____

Approval of Grant to be completed by District Rotary Foundation Chair, Grants Chair or District Governor:

Certifying Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Print Name and Rotary Title _____ Date: _____