

30.040. Conflict of Interest Policy for Program Participants

To assure integrity in The Rotary Foundation grants program it is essential that all individuals involved in a program grant and/or award conduct their activities in a manner that avoids a conflict of interest.

A conflict of interest occurs when an individual is in a position to make or influence a decision about a grant or award that benefits (i) that individual, (ii) an immediate family member, (iii) a business partner, or (iv) an entity in which the individual, an immediate family member, or a business partner has a significant financial interest or in which the individual, an immediate family member, or a business partner is a trustee, director or officer.

Rotarians shall disclose to the general secretary all actual and potential conflicts of interest. If in doubt, any potential conflict should be disclosed. Rotarians shall not serve on the grant committee for any global grants on which they have a conflict of interest. Global grants may not be financed with contributions (Directed Gifts, CSR funds, etc.) where the donor has a conflict of interest in relation to the grant.

The general secretary shall provide advice on how to interpret and implement this conflict of interest policy. The general secretary and/or Trustees will decide if a conflict of interest may exist for a particular case. If, upon review of the situation, the general secretary and/or Trustees concludes that there is or has been a conflict of interest in the execution of a TRF program grant or award, the general secretary shall fashion and recommend to the Trustees an appropriate remedy to protect the integrity of the grant process. Such remedy may include the cancellation of current or suspension of future TRF program grants or awards involving a particular Rotarian, Rotary club, or Rotary district.