



Dear Rotarians of D7910:

District Grant Subcommittee Chair (DGSC), Michelle Gasbarro and I, as District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) want to share the following information about the 2017-18 Foundation Grants program. Foundation grants include both district grants and global grants

Eligibility for participation in Foundation Grants in the 2017-18 Year

There are two criteria required by the Rotary Foundation which we recommend that you focus on meeting as soon as you can:

1. **Execution of Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 2017-18:** Clubs must execute the MOU each year. The 2017-18 MOU is found on this web page. Michelle Gasbarro must receive the signed MOU so that she can record your club's compliance with this criterion. **We recommend that clubs get this done as soon as possible but must do so before they can apply for district grants and/or global grants.** Only 26 Clubs executed the 2016-17 MOU; 21 of those participated in district/global grants.
2. **Grant Management Training:** Every club should have at least one member, preferably two, complete Grant Management Training. The training is valid for three years for the trained members.
 - a. During 2016-17, 33 clubs had at least one member complete Grant Management Training. These clubs are deemed to have met this criterion provided at least one of the trained members will continue his/her membership in 2017-18.
 - b. The remaining 18 clubs listed here must have at least one member complete Grant Management Training at one of two webinars to be conducted in May 2017: Brookfields, Charles River, Chelmsford, Clinton, Dedham, Dracut, Fitchburg East, Franklin, Groton-Pepperell, Maynard, Merrimack Valley, Southborough, Southbridge, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Uxbridge, Waltham and Watertown.
 - c. Grant Management Training webinar dates will be announced soon by DGSC Michelle Gasbarro soon. Trainees will need to login to the internet and be able to use GoToMeeting for completing the training. Instructions will be provided to registered trainees.

Note that the per capita contribution to TRF will NOT be a requirement anymore for receiving grants. The District Leadership is considering additional requirements which will be communicated to you soon.

2017-18 District Grant Program

D7910 will have \$54,000 available for the 2017-18 District Grant program which is the highest ever in the district's history. After allowing for contingency and administrative expenses, about \$42,000 will be available for grant awards in July 2017, and if needed and possible, another \$10,000 will be made available later in the year.

All PE's are strongly encouraged to enter Grant Requests on the ClubRunner Grants Module starting now. Please view the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9haVrwuOCU> to learn how. Call Michelle if you have questions.

If your club is not qualified in 2016-17, the Grants Subcommittee will entertain printed Grant Requests using the 2017-18 District Grant Request Form found on this web page.

Yours in Rotary Service

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