



Humanitarian Grants News

September 2010

The Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave. Evanston, IL 60201. USA. www.rotary.org

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 [2011-2012 DSG Requests](#)
- 2 [2010-2011 MG Applications](#)
- 3 [International Travel - MG](#)
- 4 [Future Vision Plan Update for Nonpilot Districts](#)
- 5 [Rotarian Cooperating Organizations](#)
- 6 [Pakistan Recovery Fund](#)
- 7 [Chile Recovery Fund](#)
- 8 [Haiti Relief Fund](#)
- 9 [File Activity Reports](#)
- 10 [Territory Staff Contact Sheet](#)
- 11 [Additional HP Resources](#)
- 12 [Helpful Hints](#)

"TRF is committed to ensuring that the majority of the world participating in traditional TRF programs gets great, high-quality, and fast service"

District Simplified Grants Request for 2011-12

To participate in District Simplified Grants (DSG) during the 2011-12 program year, requests should be submitted by 31 March 2011. By submitting the DSG request in the year prior to implementation, districts ensure that they are able to receive their funds at the beginning of the program year allowing for the maximum time to implement the grant and submit reports to TRF. Please note that payment of 2011-12 DSGs relies upon submission of complete and accurate reports for previously awarded DSGs as described in the Terms and Conditions for District Simplified Grants. All DSGs must be paid by 15 May of the program year to prevent the grant from being cancelled. Please contact your grant coordinator if you have any questions about this important deadline.

Matching Grants Application Processing

Starting 1 July 2010, the TRF Programs Division staff began processing Matching Grant (MG) applications from Rotarians around the world. The Matching Grant budget is US\$21.5M this year which is almost double what it was in 2009-2010. As of 1 September 2010, only US\$3M of the US\$21.5M has been committed and therefore we anticipate being able to fund all Matching Grant applications received in the 2010-11 year. The vast majority of applications are typically received during the first two months of the Rotary year and last two months before the application deadline (31 March), which can often create an application backlog. Therefore, for more timely service, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to submit their applications between October and February for the quickest processing times. In an effort to help facilitate the processing of applications there are two ways applications can be submitted: 1) via e-mail to: contact.center@rotary.org or 2) by fax to the new Humanitarian Grants fax line: 1-847-556-2151. It is highly recommended that you only send in the application once, either by email or by fax, as multiple copies can slow down processing of your grant.

TRF is committed to ensuring that the majority of the world participating in traditional TRF programs gets great, high-quality, and fast service. To ensure this high level of service, the Foundation has fully staffed all areas!

International Travel for Matching Grants **NEW!**

International travel is now an eligible expense for Rotarian volunteers who are qualified to directly implement a Matching Grant project starting 1 July 2010. Travel should be included in the budget and financing of the Matching Grant application and will have to be booked by the clubs and districts. Eligible items would include travel insurance, vaccines, lodging, coach class plane fares, visas, food, ancillary expenses, etc. For more specific information on how travel can be included in your matching grant application please see the [Matching Grant Travel Eligibility Information Guide](#)

Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotarians and other contributors can help change the world. The grants and programs available to Rotarians allow them to realize Rotary's humanitarian mission throughout the world.

Future Vision Plan Update for Nonpilot Districts

Would you like more information about the Future Vision Plan? Are you wondering how your district can prepare for the full roll-out of Future Vision in 2013? Do you have questions about how pilot and nonpilot districts can work together during the next three years? [Click here to learn more!](#)

Rotarian Cooperating Organizations

The Board of Trustees at their April 2010 meeting took decisions regarding requirements needed for Rotarian run Cooperating Organizations. A Rotarian Cooperating Organization is an entity in which one-third or more of its Board of Directors and/or governing body is comprised of Rotarians and/or senior management who are also Rotarians directly involved with the grant project. If your club or district works on a Matching Grant with any Cooperating Organization the following information will need to be disclosed in the application, **if applicable**:

- The names of Rotarians on the Organization's Board of Directors and/or organizational governing body.
- Any members of senior management who are Rotarians and are directly involved with the grant project.

This will allow TRF to determine whether the organization is a Rotarian Cooperating Organization and also ensure that no Rotarians professionally connected with the project are on the project committees so as to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest.

"Our mission to achieve world understanding and peace is a lofty goal that can only be met through sustained action and the commitment of Rotarians"

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Chairman

The Rotary Foundation, 2010-11

Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Fund **NEW!**

In response to the floods that have devastated Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province since 23 July, The Rotary Foundation has established the *Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Fund* to collect cash and District Designated Fund contributions. Funds will be collected until 31 December 2010 and will be used as the Foundation's match for Matching Grant applications that are received for long-term disaster recovery efforts in affected areas. In their application, Matching Grant project partners can pledge DDF and cash contributions and request that they be matched by the Pakistan fund during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Rotary years. Districts 3271 and 3272 are currently suspended from participating in the Matching Grant program with the exception of grant applications for disaster recovery projects. In order to ensure stewardship concerns are addressed, one of the two Special Advisors from Pakistan (PRIP Wilf Wilkinson or PRID Noraseth Pathmanand) will have to authorize all applications prior to their submission to TRF. Applications received by the Foundation for recovery projects in Pakistan will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be approved by the *Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Fund*. All the current Matching Grant guidelines and criteria will apply to these projects, including restrictions regarding construction and renovation. [For more information, read the Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Information Guide.](#)

Rotary Chile Recovery Fund

In response to the devastating earthquake in Chile on 27 February 2010, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) temporarily accepted contributions to help fund Rotary projects for longer-term disaster recovery efforts in Chile. The *Rotary Chile Recovery Fund* is being administered through Matching Grants and can be used for projects providing humanitarian assistance and disaster recovery in the affected areas of Chile. In the application, the Matching Grant partners can pledge DDF and cash contributions and request that they be matched by the *Rotary Chile Recovery Fund* during the 2010-11 Rotary year. Applications received by TRF for recovery projects in Chile will be reviewed on a first come first served basis and will be approved from the *Rotary Chile Recovery Fund* in order of completeness. All the current Matching Grant guidelines and criteria will be the same for these projects including the restrictions regarding construction and renovation. For more information on how to access these funds please see the [Rotary Chile Recovery Information Guide](#).

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund is a donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which was established to streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist victims of the earthquake that took place in Haiti in January 2010. Any Rotary Club or Rotary District can request an award from the Haiti DAF for a Matching Grant project taking place in Haiti for recovery efforts. For more information about how to access these funds please see the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#) and [Matching Grants Guide](#).

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

File Activity Reports

File activity reports are a tool for districts to review the status of grants sponsored by your district or clubs in your district. TRF will send updated activity reports to district leaders twice a year, however, districts may request a file activity report at any time throughout the year. Please make sure to review your file activity report carefully, to determine if there are any [overdue or soon to be overdue grants](#) for your district and clubs. Reviewing the file activity report will help you identify any issues that may be reflected in the World Reporting percentages mailed out twice each year. If at any point you have any questions or about how to read the activity report please contact us and request our *Guide to Understanding Activity Reports*.

Territory Staff Contact Sheet

HP recently finalized a large number of changes to the territories that the Humanitarian Grants coordinators will have during the 2010-11 Rotary year. The changes are based on staff changes, the 100 districts moving to the Future Vision pilot, and general rebalancing of file loads for staff working with Matching and District Simplified Grants. Please see the most recently updated [HP Territory Contact Sheet](#).

Additional HP Resources

General information on Humanitarian Programs:

[Stewardship and Reporting](#)

[World Reporting FAQs](#)

[Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors](#)

Information specific to Matching Grants:

[Terms and Conditions of Matching Grant Award](#)

[Matching Grant Application](#)

[Matching Grant Report Form](#)

Information specific to District Simplified Grants:

[Terms and Conditions of District Simplified Grants](#)

[District Simplified Grant Application](#)

[District Simplified Grant Report Form](#)

[Independent Financial Review Form](#)

Helpful Hints

The following are some helpful tips for success when applying for Humanitarian Grants:

- ✓ It is essential that you thoroughly review the application for completeness prior to submitting it to TRF.
- ✓ Be sure that reporting for all previously awarded grants is current before submitting a new application to TRF. Having just one overdue report for a previous grant will keep you from receiving any new grants.
- ✓ The best time to apply for Humanitarian Grants is between the months of October and February. If you are able to submit applications during this time you will receive faster response times and increase the overall processing time for your application!
- ✓ If your project is in need of quick turn around times it is suggested that all Rotarian funding be in the form of DDF. Matching Grants with no cash contributions are processed over a month faster and can help ensure a more timely receipt of payment. Please know that the US\$100 minimum amount from host clubs can come in the form of DDF from the district, or go to the project account directly in order to help speed up payment.

Humanitarian Grants Program

The Rotary Foundation

One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Ave
Evanston, IL 60201-3698. USA

Phone: 847-866-3000 Fax: 847-556-2151