

INAUGURAL SHARK TANK

PROJECT COMPETITION

TURNING GREAT IDEAS INTO GREATER IMPACT

Showcase your innovative Global Grant project, connect with experts and partners, and compete for funding to create lasting change in communities around the world.



Zones
28/32 • 25A • 25B/29



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WHY PARTICIPATE?



SHOWCASE YOUR PROJECT

Present your Global Grant project to Rotary leaders from across four zones and highlight the impact you are making in your community and around the world.



WORK WITH THE EXPERTS

Each project is paired with a Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers expert to strengthen sustainability, impact, and project design.



BUILD BETTER GLOBAL GRANTS

Receive guidance and feedback to develop stronger, more sustainable Global Grant projects.



EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

Connect with potential project partners, supporters, and contributors through the Zone Institute and House of Friendship.



COMPETE FOR FUNDING

Participating projects may be eligible for additional District Designated Funds (DDF) through the Shark Tank competition.

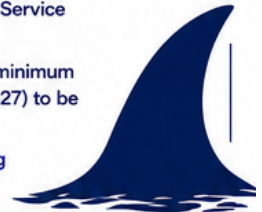
HOW IT WORKS

- 1 SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT**
Submit your draft Global Grant project.
- 2 WORK WITH A CADRE ADVISER**
Receive guidance from your assigned Cadre Adviser.
- 3 PROJECT REVIEW**
Projects are reviewed by a panel of Cadre experts.
- 4 FINALISTS SELECTED**
Three finalists selected from each zone pairing.
- 5 PRESENT IN CANCUN**
Finalists present a 10-minute pitch at the Zone Institute.
- 6 VOTING & AWARDS**
Cadre panel and attendee voting determine the winning projects.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- ✓ Projects must be entered in draft form as a Global Grant
- ✓ Have an assigned Global Grant number
- ✓ Include both a Host Partner and an International Partner
- ✓ Be posted in the Rotary Service Project Center (SPC)
- ✓ District must commit a minimum of \$250 DDF (RY 2026–27) to be eligible for funding

Only projects from participating districts will be eligible for Shark Tank funding.



KEY DATES

- JULY 1, 2026**
DDF commitment due
- JULY 15, 2026**
• Project summary due
• Cadre advisors assigned
- SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**
Draft Global Grant applications completed
- SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**
Finalists announced
SEPTEMBER 17–19, 2026
Presentations at Zone Institute in Cancun
- SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**
Winners announced

FUNDING MODEL

District participation requires a commitment of \$250 DDF (RY 2026–27). Contributions from participating districts create a shared funding pool used to support winning projects.



Amounts will vary based on total participation.

Ready to Pitch Your Project?

PROJECT SUBMISSIONS OPEN JULY 1, 2026

SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT HERE:

<https://forms.gle/UmSUd42itV6E8t4fA>

Have questions? Contact us at
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