

GRANTS QUALIFICATION TRAINING

**CREATE
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IMPACT**

Rotary 

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District 5450

Rotary District Foundation Chair

Mike Klingbiel

Rotary Club of Denver Southeast

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AGENDA

Start Time	Elapsed Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00	5 min	Welcome and Comments	Cindy Chase, District Governor
9:05	25 min	Opening / Foundation	Mike Klingbiel, DRFC
9:30	55 min	District Grants Training – Questions and Answers	Bonnie Thomas, Grants Chair
10:25	15 min	Break	
10:40	55 min	Global Grants Project Identification	Robert Mintz, District International Services Chair (DISC)
11:35	10 min	Club Qualification	Mike Klingbiel, District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Beverly Mendel, District Ops Manager District Stewardship
11:45	15 min	Questions / Discussion/Club collaboration time	Grants Team/Rotarians (Participants)
12:00		Adjourned	



The Rotary Foundation



Our Rotary Vision

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

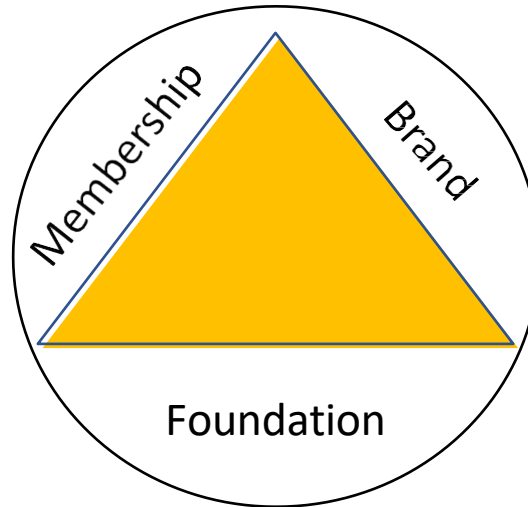
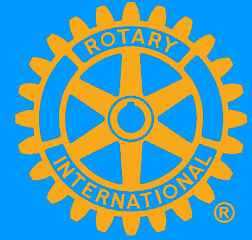
Our Rotary Foundation Mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.



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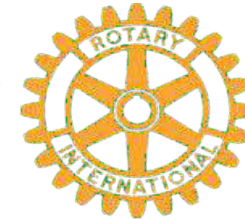


CONNECTIONS

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Zones 26 & 27
Big West

Mike Klingbiel, Rotary District 5450 Foundation Chair

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The Rotary Foundation



- Primary funding source for Foundation grants and activities
- Supports local and international grants through the SHARE system
- Contributions are credited to the donor's club and applied to the club's Annual Fund goal
- Contributions are professionally invested.
- Only the earnings are spent.

ANNUAL FUND - SHARE

When you give to Annual Fund – SHARE, The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world.

Learn more at:

my.rotary.org/annual-fund-and-share



Donation to Annual Fund **SHARE**

Donation is invested for 3 years; growth supports Foundation operations.



SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED

World Fund
(Trustee discretion)

47.5%



GLOBAL
GRANTS AND
PROGRAMS*

**District
Designated
Funds (DDF)** 47.5%
(District discretion)



DISTRICT GLOBAL
GRANTS GRANTS

5% Operations

*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

The Rotary Foundation



- All Rotary Grants (District Designated and Global) depend on Annual Fund contributions made to The Rotary Foundation. Contributions made 3 years ago provide the District Matching Funds for Rotary Grants
- For the 18th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. 90% Program Awards 100% Rating

District Grants VS Global Grants

District Grants

District Designated Fund Grants (DDF)

1. Local Humanitarian Projects (service)
2. International Humanitarian Projects

Global Grants (GG)

1. International Humanitarian Projects Seven Areas of focus
2. Vocational Training Teams
3. Rotary Scholar Programs
 - a. Rotary Scholar (\$15,000)
 - b. Rotary peace Scholar (\$25,000)
 - c. Temple Buell Scholarship (\$30,000)

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Take Action



- Talk with your district Rotary Foundation committee chair or DISC about a future project.
- Read the [Guide to Global Grants](#)
- Review the [Community Assessment Tools](#)
- Work with your District International Service Committee, Technical Cadre or your district Rotary Foundation committee chair to improve the quality, impact, and sustainability of your global grant projects.
- Go to [Rotary Showcase](#) and Rotary magazine for project and partnership help.

Supporting The Rotary Foundation



Rotary's tomorrow depends
on what we do today.

– *Arch C. Klumph*

- Use a gift to honor or remember someone.
- Increase your impact with corporate matching.
- Start a fundraiser on Raise for Rotary.
- Leave a Legacy or Endowment Gift becoming a member of the Bequest Society.
- Go meet with Bonnie Thomas and or Robert Mintz and his team!!!!

District Grants Chair

Bonnie Thomas
Rotary Club of Denver Southeast

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Rotary District 5450 District Grant Training



NUTS AND BOLTS



HOW TO PREPARE
A SUCCESSFUL
DISTRICT GRANT
APPLICATION



ROTARY DISTRICT
5450 | CLUB
GRANT
APPLICANTS

Snapshot 2025- 2026



\$115,900 in District Designated funds was available. \$119,200 for 26-27.



58% community projects



42% international projects



~\$561,000 value of district grant projects overall.

Training Objectives

Know

Understand District Grant requirements

Learn

Learn how to complete the ClubRunner application

Know

Understand Rotary compliance rules

Avoid

Avoid common mistakes

Write

Write stronger grant proposals

What is a District Grant?

Small, short-term Rotary service projects

Clubs participate with district in form of DDF. Max is \$6000 per club/year.


Local or international projects

Requires Rotarian participation

Completed within the Rotary year

Understand Requirement and Compliance

Application must be completed within 90 days of submission, or it will be canceled.



DDF is on a first come, first served basis.



Exclusions - What kind of project is not eligible?



Ideally project is completed by end of Rotary year.



Where to Submit Applications

Submit through
ClubRunner using
a computer not a
phone or tablet.

rotary5450.org
Member Area →
Grants → Submit
Grant Request

Submit a
Grant
Request

Project
Description
(50 Words)

Brief Summary

Location

Beneficiaries

Rotarian involvement

Budget must match
expense section

Application Sections

General
Description

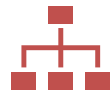
Community
Assessment &
Impact

Sustainability

Implementation
Plan

Budget and
Income

General Description



Project title and need



Who benefits and how many



Project timeline



Conflict of interest disclosure

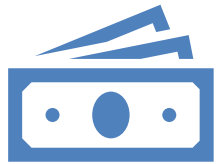


Contact info for Grant Champion and person entering application



Club mailing address

Conflict of Interest



Disclose financial
benefit



Disclose vendor
relationships



Transparency
required

Community Assessment



EXPLAIN HOW THE NEED
WAS IDENTIFIED

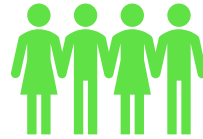


USE SURVEYS, COMMUNITY
PARTNERS, DATA

Community Impact



Describe long-term benefits



Explain how many people benefit



Describe measurable change

Grant Categories



PRIMARY CATEGORY
EXAMPLES: EDUCATION,
HEALTH, WATER



SECONDARY CATEGORY
EXAMPLES: LITERACY, WASH,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Project
Location

Identify country

International
projects may
require OFAC
review



International
Partner

Local Rotary
club or
organization

Describe
responsibilities

Explain who
manages funds

Cooperating Organizations

- Non-Rotary partners helping implement the project



MOU with the Cooperating Organization

Requirements

Description of
organization

Mission and location

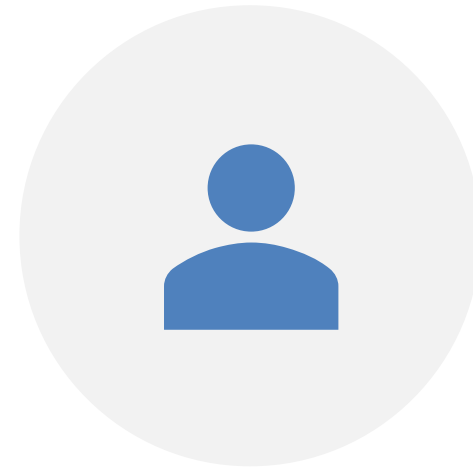
Responsibilities

Agreement to
financial transparency

Sustainability

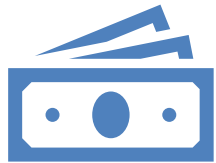


**EXPLAIN HOW PROJECT
CONTINUES AFTER
ROTARY FUNDING**



**IDENTIFY WHO
MAINTAINS PROJECT**

Transition Plan



How project
continues without
Rotary funds



Community
ownership



Local support

Implementation Plan

Timeline

Key steps

Responsible individuals

Rotarian Participation

Assess	Assess needs
Purchase	Purchase equipment
Travel	Travel to site FOR IMPLEMENTATION
Install	Install equipment
Provide	Provide training
Plant	Plant trees, repair buildings

Publicity



ROTARY
SIGNAGE



MEDIA
COVERAGE



SOCIAL MEDIA



COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS

Budget (Expenses)



Equipment

Supplies

Transportation

Training
materials

Sample Grant Budget (expenses)



Example:



Water filters: \$2,000



Training materials: \$500



Transportation: \$300



Total: \$2,800

Project Income

Club contributions – list by club

District Designated Funds (DDF)-
list by club

Partner club contributions

Other donors

Local Club Partners

Multiple clubs
may
collaborate

Only one
application
required

Common Grant Mistakes



Weak community
assessment



Missing
sustainability



Budget mismatch



Unclear
implementation

Tips for Strong Grants



DEFINE CLEAR NEED



SUBMIT THOROUGH
AND COMPLETE
APPLICATION



SHOW ROTARIAN
INVOLVEMENT



PROVIDE DETAILED
BUDGET

Grant Process Flow

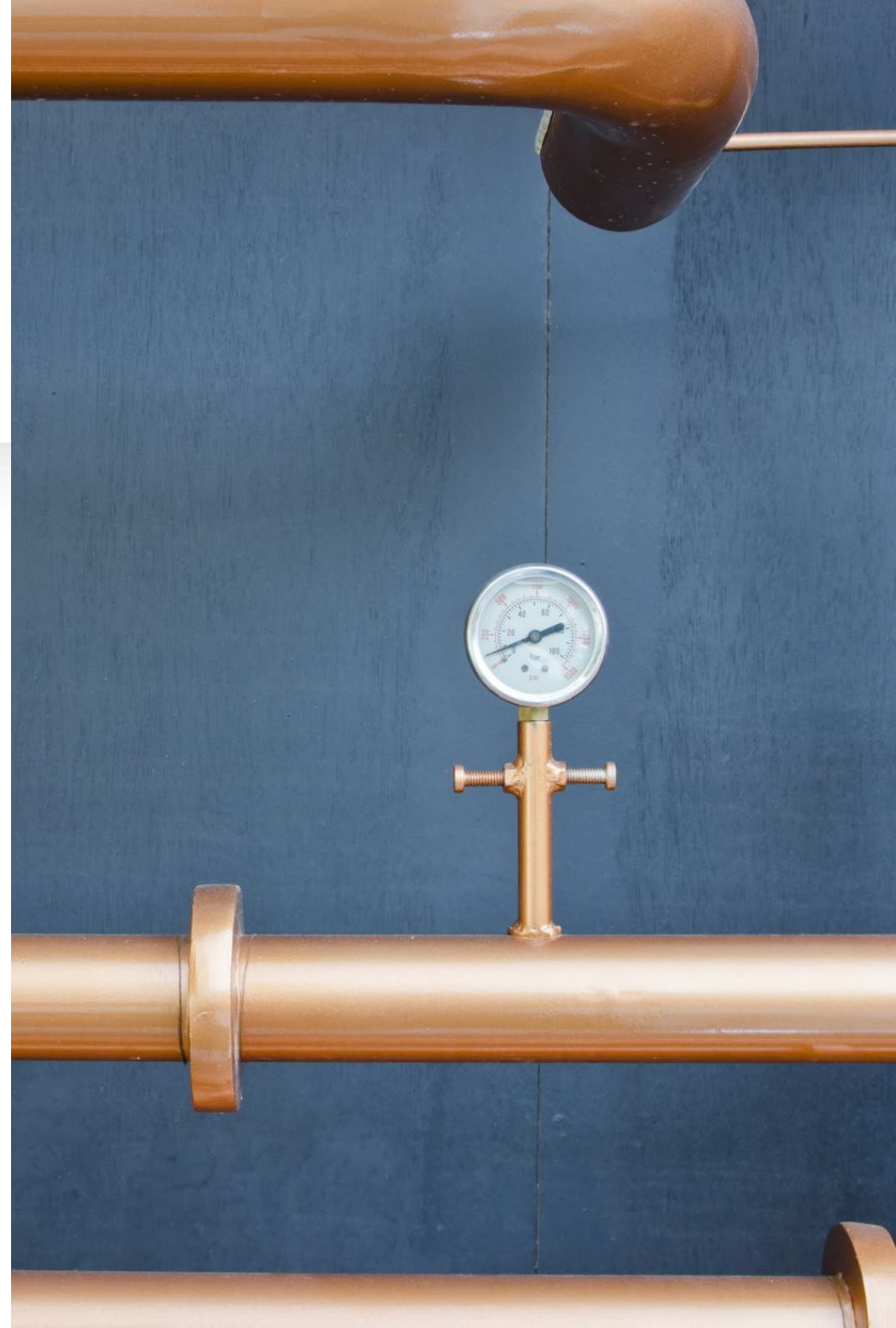


Typical Grant Timeline

Plan	July–Aug: Plan projects
Submit	Sept–Oct: Submit applications
Work	Fall/Winter: Project implementation
Finish	Before June 30: Project completed

Example Strong Project Summary

Rotary Club will provide a water filtration system for a rural school located in Honduras serving 300 students. Rotarians will assist installation and deliver hygiene training. Club members will collaborate with the local Rotary Club.





Example Weak Project Summary

We want to help a school by buying supplies because they need them.

Final Report Requirements



PROJECT
SUMMARY



FINANCIAL
ACCOUNTING



RECEIPTS AND
DOCUMENTATION



EVIDENCE OF
COMPLETION



True of False???



District 5450 Grants Committee

Questions and Discussion

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Global Grants Chair

Robert Mintz

District 5450 International Service Chair
Rotary Club of Denver Cherry Creek

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The Why ?

Global Grant 1756904 Smoky Hill RC medical equipment to rural hospital in Romania:

“ Several members assisted with the application and three attended the dedication ceremony. The total project involved sixteen Rotary Clubs from five districts and four different countries. It was a great international effort, and we are forever grateful for the very enthusiastic support for the project.” Bev Edwards Smoky Hill RC



Denver Cherry Creek Rotary,
Denver Colorado District 5450
Kitui, District 9212



SHE HAS A NAME (SHAN) WATER & SANITATION PROJECT

WE INVITE YOU TO A
PROJECT HANDOVER CEREMONY

TO HANDOVER A SOLARISED BOREHOLE

at Kyumvi, Machakos County
on Monday 10th February, 2025, 11:00 am



Implementing partner: **Maxi-corp solutions LTD**

RSVP:

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Faith Muema, Club President
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SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER



The Details

A Global Grant is a Rotary Foundation-funded project that creates **sustainable, measurable change** in one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus. These grants typically:

- Involve partnership between clubs in **two countries**
- Have a **minimum total project budget of \$30,000**
- Require **both clubs to be qualified** and actively involved
- Are **administered by The Rotary Foundation.**

Club Roles & Partnership

Two Key Partners:

- **Host Club** (in project country): Starts with defining the need. Seeks international partners. Manages implementation, engages local partners
- **International Club**: Starts with an idea, skill set, knowledge of location or language gains club support and then supports fundraising and often helps with reporting and seeks advice from district resources.
- Both clubs share responsibilities and planning

Strong projects Start with the Community

Conduct a Community Needs Assessment

- Ask: *What does the community need?*
- Engage the community as partners and involve all stakeholders including local leaders, governments, NGOs
- Ensure alignment with Rotary's **Areas of Focus**
- Set realistic and measurable goals
- Incorporate sustainability by building local buy-in.

Project Planning & Budgeting

Plan for Impact

- Define **goals** (output + outcome-based)
- Create a **detailed budget** with real quotes
- Include up to 10% for project management, outcomes measurement, and contingency
- Use **competitive bidding** where possible

The Application Process

Submit Early, Submit Complete

- Apply through **MyRotary.org**
- Required:
 - Community Needs Assessment
 - Area of Focus Policy Compliance
 - Detailed project plan + budget
 - Sustainability strategy
 - Confirmation of funding sources
- **Timing Matters:**
 - TRF is requiring that grants for the 2026-27 budget year be submitted by March 31, 2027.
 - After DDF is confirmed, you have **90 days** to submit the completed application or possibly lose your spot in line

The Money: 2026-27 Funding

District 5450 Incentives

- **Approximately \$140,000 available** for Global Grants in 2026–27
- Matched at **1.25:1** for District 5450-sponsored projects
 - \$1,000 club cash earns \$1,250 Global Grant DDF
 - \$1,250 Global Grant DDF earns \$1,000 from the World Fund
- Grants sponsored by clubs outside D5450 will receive a \$1 for \$1 **as long as funds from the 2026-27 DDF allocation remain.**

Funding & D5450 DDF Matching

Club & Grant Limits

- Max Global Grant DDF per club/year: **\$15,000**
- Max D5450 match per grant **\$25,000**
- Max per grant:
 - \$10K (1 club)
 - \$15K (2 clubs)
 - \$20K (3 clubs)
 - \$25K (4 or more clubs)

NOTE: Matching applies **only to cash from District 5450 clubs**

The Money: 2026-27 Funding Example

Denver Cherry Creek Uganda Mental Health GG

- DCCR \$7500
- Twelve D.5450 clubs, two from D. 5440 and one from D.5470
- Uganda Host club \$2000 + \$2000 host district DDF
- **Total club cash \$31,000**
- **Total DDF from participating districts \$34,250**
- **Rotary Foundation World Fund match 80% of DDF \$27,400**
- **Total GG Project funds raised \$92,650**

The Rules

Online Reports Due:

- First: within 12 months of receiving funds
- Then: every 12 months until completion
- Final Report: within 2 months of completion

Reports must include:

- Activities & outcomes
- Full financial documentation
- Any changes to the original plan
- 2027-28 no more than three grants open and must be closed one year after funds have been spent

Resources

For help:

- **A Guide to Global Grants** (Rotary.org)
- **Area of Focus** policy documents
- TRF Grants Officers
- District & Zone Grant Advisors & Cadre Members
- Matchinggrants.org shows Rotary volunteer projects
- District 5450 website under Foundation/Grants
- Robert Mintz & District Int'l Service Committee

Publicizing your Grant

Tell Your Story!

- Use **Rotary Service Project Center**
- Share in local media, club newsletters and online
- Highlight impact and community transformation
- Regularly update your Rotary Club partners

Global Grants Competition



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**HAVE A BOLD IDEA
THAT CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD?**

<https://www.zoneinstitute.org/shark-tank/>

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Mike Klingbiel
Club Qualification Requirements

- Club President Elects attended PETS (Winter/Spring 2026)
- Grant management seminar (May 30, 2026)
- Club memorandum of understanding
- All Current and Former Grant Reporting Current
- **Club in Good Standing with the IRS.**

Club in Good Standing with IRS

- Confirmation of Club's Form 990 Filing
- Annual requirement
- Submit to Bev Mendel, D5450 Operations Manager,
office@rotary5450.org

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Club Qualification Status

Club Name	Signed MOU for 7/1/22-6/30/23	Club 990 7/20 to 6/21	Club 990 7/21 to 6/22	District Training 2022-2023	Attended PETS Training	Delinquent Global Grant Reports	Delinquent District Grant Reports	Delinquent District Covid Grant Reports	Date Qualified
Arvada		08/25/2021	11/14/2022						
Arvada Sunrise	09/21/2022	01/06/2022	11/16/2022	06/23/2022	2022				9/21/2022
Aurora	10/05/2022	04/20/2022	03/10/2023		2022				03/10/2023
Aurora Fitzsimons	08/22/2022	12/10/2021	11/11/2022	6/23/2022	2022				8/22/2022
Aurora Gateway	09/21/2022	11/02/2021	11/14/2022		2022				
Boulder	08/22/2022	02/03/2022		06/23/2022	2022		DG21-031		
Boulder Flatirons	07/19/2022	10/14/2021	01/04/2023	06/23/2022	2022				2/7/2023
Boulder Valley	10/05/2022	09/28/2022	Ext 1/3/2023	06/23/2022	2022				10/5/2022
Breckenridge Mountain	08/25/2022	12/08/2021	10/19/2022	06/23/2022	2022				8/25/2022
Brighton			02/06/2023	06/23/2022	2022				
Broomfield	03/16/2023	12/06/2021	12/30/2022	02/24/2023	2022				3/16/2023
Broomfield Crossing		10/06/2021	08/04/2022	06/23/2022	2022				
Brush					2022				
Carbon Valley	08/22/2022	01/19/2022	03/06/2023	06/23/2022	2022				8/22/2022
Castle Pines	07/19/2022	09/07/2021	12/28/2022	06/23/2022	2022				7/19/2022
Castle Rock		02/22/2022	Ext 4/24/2023	06/23/2022	2022				
Castle Rock High Noon	09/21/2022	08/04/2021	08/04/2022	06/23/2022	2022				9/21/2022
Centennial	09/21/2022	09/09/2022	12/30/2022	06/23/2022	2022				9/21/2022
Clear Creek 2000	08/22/2022	07/26/2021	07/12/2022	06/23/2022	2022				8/22/2022
Commerce City	02/27/2023	04/07/2022	02/16/2023	06/23/2022	2022				02/27/2023
Conifer		11/24/2021	10/07/2022	06/23/2022	2022				
Denver		01/09/2023	05/17/2023	06/23/2022	2022				
Denver Cherry Creek	08/22/2022	09/09/2021	09/23/2022	06/23/2022	2022				8/22/2022
Denver LoDo				11/16/2022	2022				
Denver Metro South	10/17/2022		09/27/2022	06/23/2022	2022				10/17/2022

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- Valid for one year in current Rotary year.
- Club responsibility for grant funds
- Disclose conflicts of interest
- Cooperate with all audits
- Use grant funds properly
- Implement the club MOU

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Stewardship is the responsible management and oversight of grant funds, including:

- Standard business practices
- Rotarian supervision
- Financial records and oversight
- Reporting of irregularities
- Timely submission of reports



Club must appoint a member to implement, manage, and maintain club qualification:

- Ensure that all TRF grants adhere to proper stewardship and grant management practices
- Ensure that all individuals involved in a grant avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest
- Submit signed MOU documentation via email to Bev Mendel, District 5450 Operations Manager at office@rotary5450.org.



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• Rotarian Jennifer Herrick