

Foundation Grants Seminar

Global Grants

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Objectives:

1. What are Global Grants?
2. Learn how to “qualify” to apply for a Global Grant.
3. Learn how to apply.
4. Learn about essential elements of a successful GG project: Community Assessments, Sustainability, & Evaluation
5. Review funding, reporting and financial requirements.

What is a Global Grant?



1. Global Grants fund **Rotarian led projects, related to Rotary's mission, using TRF World Fund**
 - Align with Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus
 - Budget of >\$30,000 (*up to \$400,000 from World Fund*)
 - Humanitarian Project, Vocational Training Team, International Scholarship (Graduate)
2. Partnership between clubs in two countries
 - **HOST CLUB:** based where the project will take place, responsible for implementation
 - **INTERNATIONAL PARTNER:** provides support, expertise, promotion of the project

Global Grants Characteristics



Based on needs, strengths and capacity identified by the local community
*Designed for **impact** and **sustainability***
*Identifies **measurable outcomes***

- Align with one of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus
- Actively involves Rotarians and community members
- Meets TRF Terms and Conditions for grants (non-competitive)
- Rolling applications: apply at any time

[A Guide to Global Grants](#)

[Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Funded District Grants and Global Grants](#)

[Areas of Focus Policy Statement](#)

Current D7780 Global Grants



Develop aquaponics system to develop business schools for girls
(Bridgton /Medellin Nuevo, Colombia)
Community and Economic Development

- Build check dams to catch groundwater and rain runoff in India (Sanford-Springvale)
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



Current D7780 Global Grants

- Improving classroom instruction and use of technology (*Kajjansi, Uganda/ Saco Bay Sunset*)
Basic Education and Literacy



- Improve health for rural communities through solar powered equipment (*Armenia / Biddeford Saco*)
Disease Prevention & Treatment

Current D7780 Global Grants



8 Global Grants approved (RY 2025-26)

Project value: \$409,718

Club Cash invested \$50,562

D7780 DDF allocated \$50,562

4 additional grants submitted, waiting for approval

Projects

Peace

Disease Prevention

Environment

Education

Environment

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Disease Prevention

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* SPCE/Canada

* Yarmouth/Colombia

* Yarmouth/India

* Yarmouth/India

Guatemala

Belize

* Ogunquit/Uganda

Ukraine

* D7780 international partner

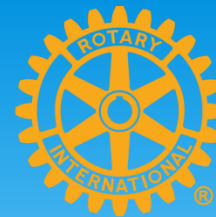
How can your club get involved?

- Participate in D7780 International Café
(Saturday zooms)
- Invite International Outreach Team to speak to your club
- Contact District International Service Committee
- Contact Global Grants Chair
- Visit the Service Project Center (My Rotary)
- Visit a Projects Fair



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Qualify for grant participation

Review the Resources for
Global Grants

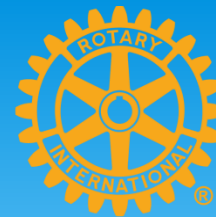
- A Guide to Global Grants
- Areas of Focus Policy Statements
- Guidelines to Global Grant Funding (by Area of Focus)
- Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants

Get Started



1. **Build a relationship** with a Rotary Club in the country and District of your proposed project. The success of your project will hinge on this relationship.
2. **Be sure that both your club and the in-country host club are qualified**
3. Get to know the community where the project will be implemented

Get Started



1. **Log on Grants Center @ rotary.org** to become familiar with the grant application format **Understand the financial obligations** of a Global Grant.

2. **Contact an expert:**

- Cadre Advisor within your identified Area of Focus cadre@Rotary.org
- Rotary Action Group who support similar project

3. **Contact the District Global Grants Coordinator, Carolyn Johnson, cfj2@icloud.com**, to discuss your grant idea



Six Steps to Qualify Your Club (Same as District grants except for deadlines)



1. A minimum of two club members attend the **grant management seminar** in person or online (annual recommended).
2. Appoint a **Club Foundation Chair** and report name to district (usually, input his/her name into ClubRunner).
3. Establish (and record) a **Foundation Giving Goal** to support the Annual Fund rotary.org (ask your Assistant Governor if you are unclear about this)
4. **Sign the MOU** (Club President at time grant is active, and either the Club President-elect **OR** Club Foundation Chair) (available on the Foundation drop-down tab on rotary7780.org). (Qualification deadline is “before the district team will OK submitting your grant”)
5. Club must be current with all District and RI dues
6. Club must be current with all Rotary Foundation grant reporting (for Global Grants this pertains to the host club)

Community Assessment

- 1. Begin with (and document) a community assessment! (Usually done by host club).**
 - Talk to a broad range of stakeholders from the community,
 - Use local knowledge and available human assets, think long term.
 - *Don't assume the solution until you've figured out the problem!* [Community Assessment Tools](#)
- 2. Document baseline metrics to identify goals and use as a comparison for monitoring and evaluation.**
- 3. Identify actions that will have impact and solve the problem over the long term. (enable local community to continue the program)**



Sustainability



1. **Community needs *and* strengths:** Projects involve collaboration from multiple stakeholders
2. **Solutions that are culturally appropriate:** A small step forward can yield great results
3. **Materials and Technology:** Use locally sourced materials: can be replaced, repaired, maintained (technically feasible)
4. **Funding:** What elements ensure continuation after funding is expended (training, incremental payments, micro-credit reinvestment)
5. **Knowledge:** Projects involve skills transfer so that local community will own, problem solve, and continue the project

How will the project/program continue after the funding is gone?

Monitoring and Evaluation

Your project must identify **clear and measurable outcomes**:
tied to the community assessment that informed the project's design.

- Establish clear baseline data (Community Assessment data)
- Identify relevant project goals
- Identify a plan to collect data as the project is implemented
- Define your project's impact: **measure outcomes vs outputs**



Global Grant Requirements:

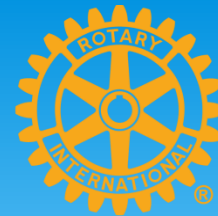
Draft the application



- **Grants are completed and submitted online:** www.rotary.org/grants.
Review the draft document version in resource section
- When you start the online draft, you are assigned a **GG number** that follows your project through all stages of approval, funding and reporting. This allows us to “earmark” your DDF funding. [GG2118285](#)
- **Answer the questions! Be specific! Tell your story completely**, remember that the person reviewing your grant is not familiar with the project.
- Factor in the **5% administration fee** for cash (club/individual) contributions in funding calculations!

Funding, Reporting and Financial Management

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Basic Funding Structure for a grant:

- \$20,000 Club Contributions
- + \$20,000 District Designated Funds (DDF 1:1 match)
(\$25 K DDF is maximum for D7780)
- +\$16,000 TRF World Fund (80% of DDF)

= \$56,000 project budget

Rotary Foundation Resources



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