

District Grants Criteria

approved by District Foundation
Committee 11 Jan 2022

There are often more good ideas for District Grants than there is money available. These grants are competitive, and will therefore be evaluated on the following:

1. The project must adhere to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants as established by the Rotary Foundation Trustees (see District Website, Rotary Foundation and Grants, Resources).
2. All clubs involved must be current in qualifying to participate in Rotary Foundation Grants. Rotaract Clubs are eligible to apply for District Grants, if they meet the qualifications as outlined in the document [Qualifications to Participate in a Rotary Foundation Grant](#) (link) Satellite Clubs are eligible to apply for District Grants if they are recognized by RI as a Satellite Club and meet the qualifications as determined by District 7780.
3. Each club may submit only ONE District Grant application. Applications from Qualified Rotaract and Satellite Clubs are welcome and will be considered independent of applications from their sponsor club.
 - A. Multiple clubs submitting applications for the same project will be considered as partners by a single application.
 - B. If multiple clubs are supporting the same project, one club will be designated as the primary grant applicant. The maximum grant amount for a project still applies when multiple clubs are applying jointly.
4. The quality of the project, its positive impact on a local or international community and the number of people benefitting from the project need to be effectively demonstrated in the application.
5. The projects must be new to the club, lead to sustainability, and be meaningful to the community that the grant is intended to benefit.
6. The project must demonstrate active Rotarian involvement (i.e., not just deliver a check).
7. It must be a Rotary-led project (i.e., your Rotary club, not another organization, must be driving the project).
8. The club's financial commitment to the project is one factor that will be considered. The number of club partners and the contributions of each, may also be considered
9. The club's past level of contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Giving may also be considered.
10. The application must include a detailed promotional/PR plan for the project.

11. The club must contribute a minimum of \$500 in club funds to the project. (“Small club” special grant - \$100 minimum required. “Small club” is defined as one with less than 20 members as reported to Rotary International on January 1. Check with the District Foundation Chair to determine if your club qualifies.) A Satellite Club with fewer than 20 active members qualifies for a “Small Club” grant. If a “host” Club sponsors an approved/qualified Satellite Club, the “host” Club’s membership is determined to be the number of members reported to Rotary International minus the number of members designated as members of the Satellite Club, for the purpose of determining whether the “host” club qualifies for a “Small Club” grant.
12. Grants will generally be from \$1,000 to \$4,000. In certain circumstances, at the discretion of the Foundation Committee and if surplus DDF funds are available, awards of over \$4,000 may be granted.
13. Special consideration for International Projects - travel costs may be included in the grant application, provided that:
 - A. The travelers have read, agreed to, signed, and returned the District Foundation Travel Policy (see District Website, Rotary Foundation and Grants, Resources.)
 - B. Travel is permitted by the current travel policies of The Rotary Foundation (consult the Rotary International Travel Ban List).
14. Application must be complete, signed, contain budget detail sufficient for the Screening Committee to understand how the funds are to be spent, and received in the Grants mailbox: grants@rotary7780.org, by June 1.
15. If the District Foundation Committee does not disburse all funds identified for the District Grants, a second round of applications may be considered. Clubs requesting funds for the second round must meet all original qualifications, though new timelines may be established. If a second round of applications is opened, qualified clubs may apply if they did not do so previously or if their application was denied and it has been significantly revised.

File name: District Grant Criteria approved 1-11-2022 DU final 1-23-2022.docx