

District Grants Criteria

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 currently “qualified” in grant-making.
3. Each club may submit only ONE District Grant application.
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.
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 Lawrence Furbish to see if your club qualifies.)
12. Grants will generally be from \$1,000 to \$5,000. In certain circumstances, at the discretion of the Foundation Committee and if surplus DDF funds are available, awards of over \$5,000 may be requested.
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 with Lawrence Furbish regarding 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.

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