

Global Grant Criteria

Global Grants are the way Rotary clubs work together to “do good in the world” through The Rotary Foundation. Global Grants can take the form of:

1. Sizable humanitarian projects, typically (but not always) in developing nations.
2. Scholarships
3. Vocational Training Teams, in which a group of professionals with specific skill sets travels to another country to perform a specific mission.

Global Grant terms and conditions are set by policy of The Rotary Foundation and although the District reviews the application before it is submitted, the grant award itself is subject to Rotary Foundation review and approval in Evanston, Illinois.

Global Grants require the following:

1. That the project be a partnership between two Rotary Clubs/Districts; one in the District and country where the project will be implemented (Host Club); and one in the developed world (International Club). Typically, the Host Club provides local assistance/expertise, and the International Club provides the majority of the funding.
2. That both Host and International clubs are “qualified” and fulfill the requirements of the MOU.
3. That the humanitarian goal falls within one of Rotary's Areas of Focus. A **needs assessment is required** and the project must be sustainable and have a measurable outcome.
4. That the project has a minimum budget of \$30,000, with a minimum of \$15,000 requested from The Rotary Foundation. Typically, one club (or more) needs to raise \$10,000 to meet the minimum. The rest comes from District matching funds (DDF). If one District 7780 club is involved in the Grant, the District may match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. If two District clubs are involved (and each club is contributing a minimum of \$500), the District may match dollar for dollar up to \$15,000. If three or more District 7780 clubs are involved (and each club is contributing a minimum of \$500), the District may match dollar for dollar up to \$20,000. This is true whether the Global Grant originates in this District or not. If DDF “runs out” any given year, the matches will take place the following Rotary year.
5. Global Grant funding “matches” are made on a first-come, first-served basis as grants are approved by The Rotary Foundation, beginning with the new Rotary year in July, and continuing as long as the funding lasts. Thanks to increased giving across the District, in recent years there has been enough funding to meet these needs.
6. To help cover the administrative costs of overseeing grants, a 5% surcharge is added to club cash contributions going to the Annual Fund for a Global Grant. If the contribution goes directly to the Grant rather than the Annual Fund, the 5% does not have to be added, but in this case the club does not get recognition points for the donation and it is not included when the amount of DDF to be returned to the District is calculated. To learn more about this rule, consult "The 5% Surcharge" document under the Foundation & Grants dropdown menu.
7. Additional matches for club cash and DDF contributions are made from the World Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

The Basics

Familiarize yourself with the following:

1. Club Qualification requirements
2. District 7780 matching policies
3. The Rotary Foundation's Terms and Conditions for Global Grants (see Resources)
4. Global Grant Online Application Process
5. Download and follow the Grant Management Manual, available online at rotary.org.
6. Check out other resources in the "Resources" page.

Three contact people in the Host Club must be secured. Our District has strong personal and program experience in Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Poland, Uganda, South Africa and India, among other nations.

Reach out to International Chair Emma Bodwell ebodwell@icloud.com and go to "Rotary Showcase" on www.rotary.org for more country contacts. Reach out to Global Grants Coordinator David Underhill dave.underhill.nh@gmail.com for more on Global Grants.

All interaction takes place electronically via the "My Rotary" section of www.rotary.org. Once in, look for "The Rotary Foundation" and then, "Apply for Grants." The actual grant application is available under "Grant Application Tool." An explanation on how to use the Grant Application tool is available under "Resources."

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