Rotary District 5340 Policies for Rotary Foundation Grants 2027-2028
(For Rotary Clubs)

Club Qualification for all grants – *Basic Requirements*

To be considered for District Designated Funds (DDF), the sponsoring and/or contributing club must:

- Be current on all District and Global Grant reporting.
- Be current on Rotary International and District dues.
- Enter Rotary Foundation giving goals on MyRotary.org by August 1, 2027.
- Ensure projects comply with the District 5340 Youth Protection Policy if applicable.

District Grants

- **The DDF awarded for District Grants is partly based upon past support of the Annual Fund. The requesting Rotary Club should have contributed either a minimum of $50 per capita to the Annual Fund, or a total of $5,000 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the 2026-27 Rotary year.**
- **Two Club members must attend the District Grants In-person or Online Training by June 30, 2027. Trainees must also complete and pass the District Grants online quiz by June 30, 2027. Potential Primary Contacts are strongly encouraged to attend the District Grants In-person or Online Training.**
- DDF 1:1 match of Club cash up to $3500 per Rotary Club (one or multiple projects).
- Rotaract Clubs are eligible for District Grants at the discretion of the District Foundation Committee.
- Minimum project size $500.
- Clubs are encouraged to partner to create larger projects.
- District Grant Applications must be submitted on www.matchinggrants.org/district on or before August 1, 2027.
- All grant applications must be electronically signed by the Primary Contact and Club President or Club Treasurer.
- All District Grants are subject to District Governor and TRF final approval.
- Projects will be evaluated on merit, defined as:
    - Grant application completeness on MatchingGrants.org (this means signed too!)
    - Likelihood the grant will be completed within the Rotary year of the application
    - Grant's overall impact
- Grants will be awarded at the first District Foundation Committee meeting held after August 1, 2027.
- All funds will be distributed via electronic funds transfer. Clubs must upload the Club Bank Account Information form as a restricted document on www.matchinggrants.org/district with each grant application every year.
- Final Reports to close District Grants are due within 30 days of completion of the project or no later than April 1, 2028.
- Approval of District Grants may be based on Clubs completing the closure of their prior District Grants by the April 1, 2027 deadline.

Global Grants

- **The DDF available for Global Grants is partly based upon past support of the Annual Fund. The requesting Rotary Club should have contributed either a minimum of $100 per capita to the Annual Fund, or a total of $20,000 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the 2026-27 Rotary year.**
- **Club MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) must be signed by the Club Presidents for 2027-28 and 2028-29 for Host or International clubs that are applying for current year Global Grants.**
- **Two club members must attend the Global Grants Training Seminar in-person or online by June 30, 2027 if that club is to be an International or Host Sponsor of a Grant. Trainees must also complete and pass the Global Grants online quiz by June 30, 2027. Potential Primary Contacts are strongly encouraged to attend the Global Grants in-person or online Training.**
- Club cash contributions for global grants may be matched with DDF 1:1, limited to $10,000 of DDF per club for the Rotary year.
- DDF for a single global grant is limited to $30,000.
- Clubs may sponsor more than one Global Grant.
- Clubs are encouraged to partner to create larger projects.
- Global Grant Applications must be submitted on www.matchinggrants.org/global and be fully pledged for DDF consideration.
- DDF is awarded on a "first come, first allocated" basis, so early planning is encouraged. We anticipate that DDF may be exhausted before the end of the Rotary year.
- When a Global Grant is fully pledged and appropriately entered on www.matchinggrants.org, DDF for that grant will be considered at the next meeting of the District Rotary Foundation Committee.
- When a grant is fully pledged as noted on the above website, DDF will be allocated based on review by the District Rotary Foundation Committee on a first come, first served basis until the available DDF for the year is exhausted.
- Projects will be evaluated on a combination of merit and club Annual Fund contribution history.
- Once Global Grant DDF is approved by the District Rotary Foundation Committee, the grant application must be submitted to The Rotary Foundation and approved within 1 year, or the DDF allocation may be revoked. The allocation may be reconsidered for the project at a later date if applicable.
- All Global Grants are subject to TRF final approval.

Note:

- There is NO match for Club cash donations from The Rotary Foundation; only the DDF match from the District will be matched by the World Fund at 80%.
- The International Club must contribute a minimum of 15% (cash and/or DDF) of the total grant budget for humanitarian projects. Scholarship grants are excluded from this rule.