

CNY Rotary / D7180 – District Grants Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: How much money will be available for District Grants?

A: With the joining of Districts 7150, 7170, and 7190, The Rotary Foundation will combine prior year fundraising and provide our District with total amounts available for District Grants. It's projected that total amount will be approximately \$60,000.

Q2: What is the new Regional Grant?

A: We're encouraging clubs to THINK BIG! While our available funding will limit the number of Regional Grants, these will offer clubs a higher match on funds raised. With greater funding we are asking clubs that apply for this grant to provide additional detail on publicity, planning, needs assessment, sustainability, and partnerships (see application for more details).

Q3: Can our club apply for both a District Grant and a Regional Grant?

A: No, your club is eligible to apply for only one type of grant for the upcoming year.

Q4: What happens if our Regional Grant application isn't accepted - can we then apply for a District Grant?

A: No, your club will choose which type of grant they will apply for by the June 1 submission deadline. Each year your club can choose to apply for either a District Grant or a Regional Grant.

Q5: Will we automatically be granted a District Grant if we choose that type of grant?

A: Yes, for the 2024-2025 project year, as long as your club completes the application and provides all the required items, you will receive funding (up to total funds available to D7180 and considering matching guidelines).

Q6: Do I need to provide a publicity (PR) plan if applying for a District Grant?

A: Regional Grants require a publicity / PR plan as we're striving to get more recognition / awareness for Rotary for these larger projects. It is not required as part of the traditional District Grant application, but it is highly recommended to maximize exposure to the good work you, your club, and our District provide.

Q7: Does my project need to be completed prior to the end of the 2024-25 Rotary year?

A: A Final Report is due within 30 days of the end of the Rotary year for all projects to be eligible to receive funding. The actual end date (completion date) for a Regional Grant may extend an additional 12 months, but final report will still be due within 30 days of end of the Rotary year and must provide documentation for expenses through that date.

Q8: Is it required our clubs partner with other clubs / other organizations?

A: No, while strongly recommended, it is not required. Regional grant applications that include partnering with other organizations will receive additional attention / scoring.

Q9: Will all Regional Grant applications / grants be funded?

A: We are limited by the amount of funding that The Rotary Foundation will provide to our District. This amount is tied to Annual SHARE donations 3 years prior. It is likely that we will not be able to fund all the Regional Grants. Your District Grants committee will be reviewing and scoring applications based on criteria that we have shared and that will help identify those regional grant applications that will receive funding.

Q10: When will our club receive the funds awarded for our grant application?

A: Once your club has submitted the final report and that report has been accepted and approved, reimbursement will be sent to the club. We plan to review final reports monthly, so you should allow up to 30 days for this process.

Q11: When will we receive notice that our grant application was accepted, and funds awarded?

A: While contingent upon approval from The Rotary Foundation, it is our goal to send confirmation by end of July 2024. Confirmations that confirm the amount awarded will be sent via email to the primary contact on the grant application.

Q12: Why are we required to provide our club officers and Foundation goals in order to be eligible for a Grant?

A: Strong planning and organization provide Rotary clubs a greater chance of continued success. District leadership also needs access to this information to be more effective. We also ask clubs to review their application and select which of Rotary's Areas of Focus most closely align with the project.

Q13: What should we do if our club contacts listed on grant application change?

A: It is the club's responsibility to update contacts as soon as a change occurs. The reason we ask for multiple contacts is to try to minimize impact of a change. It is the club's responsibility to ensure that deadlines are met (i.e. interim report, final report). Issues with incorrect club contacts limit ability for those members to receive any friendly reminders...

Q14: Are we required to submit an interim report? If yes, then when is that due?

A: For any grants where final report is not submitted by January 31, the club is required to submit an interim report that confirms your club's intent to complete the project during the Rotary year. This interim report is important as it allows your District Foundation committee guidance where we can ensure the full amount of funds allocated to our District are leveraged by our clubs.

Q15: Can we submit a final report for expenses that exceed the amount we were initially awarded for our District Grant?

A: Yes! In the event that the amount awarded is less than your requested amount (due to limited funds from TRF), we encourage clubs to submit your actual expenses. Based on final reports received by the July 31 deadline, we may find additional funding could be available to clubs and reimbursements will be based on the total expenses reported by clubs on their final report.

Q16: Why is the district promoting publicity and factoring as a big factor for grant applications?

A: We encourage all our clubs to publicize the great work they are doing in their community! Increased awareness for our recipients and our clubs is beneficial to future fundraising, overall awareness of Rotary, and potentially exposes Rotary to individuals that may consider future membership!