

ROTARY DISTRICT 5180

The Rotary Foundation Committee Report

2025-26 Rotary Year

\$683,000

Approximate Foundation giving

\$265,573

DDF available

12

Global Grants and scholarships

Executive Summary

During the 2025-26 Rotary year, Rotary District 5180 demonstrated strong support for The Rotary Foundation. District clubs and Rotarians contributed approximately \$683,000, including \$328,662 to the Annual Fund and \$270,194 to PolioPlus. Annual Fund giving reached 180.9 percent of the district goal, while PolioPlus giving reached 479.9 percent of goal.

District 5180 had \$265,573.38 in District Designated Funds available. The district transferred \$4,112 to PolioPlus, allocated \$84,022 to District Grant DG2683306, and committed \$172,439 to nine humanitarian Global Grants. At June 30, 2026, the district retained a DDF balance of \$5,000.38.

District Grant DG2683306 involved 22 clubs and 28 approved activities. Clubs expended \$77,561 on education, community development, economic development, health, and peace-related activities. The unused balance of \$6,461 was returned to The Rotary Foundation during 2026-27 and will be included in that year's totals.

The district participated in nine humanitarian Global Grants with total project budgets of \$1,394,274. It also sponsored three Global Grant Scholarships totaling \$150,000 and funded through named Rotary Foundation endowments. Together, the 12 Global Grant activities represented total project and scholarship budgets of \$1,544,274.

Section I: Contributions to The Rotary Foundation

District-Wide Giving Summary

Giving category	2025-26 amount
Annual Fund	\$328,662
PolioPlus Fund	\$270,194
Other Funds	\$30,508
Endowment Fund	\$53,689
Total - rounded controlling figures	\$683,053

The Fundraising Analysis is the controlling source for this report. Because its displayed figures are rounded, district-wide giving is described as approximately \$683,000.

Annual Fund Performance

Measure	Result
Rotarians	1,515
District Annual Fund goal	\$181,700
Annual Fund contributions	\$328,662
Annual Fund goal achieved	180.9%
Annual Fund per capita	\$216.94
Annual Fund non-giving clubs	3
PolioPlus goal	\$56,300
PolioPlus contributions	\$270,194

Measure	Result
PolioPlus goal achieved	479.9%
PolioPlus non-giving clubs	0

District 5180 exceeded its Annual Fund goal by \$146,962. Annual Fund per-capita giving of \$216.94 was more than twice the traditional Rotary benchmark of \$100 per member. Every district club contributed to PolioPlus.

Club Goal Participation

Club goal status	Clubs	Percentage
Clubs with Annual Fund goals	18	48.6%
Clubs without Annual Fund goals	19	51.4%
Total Rotary clubs	37	100.0%

Gold River and the Greater Sacramento Rotaract Club are excluded from the club count. Goal participation improved from 44.4 percent in 2024-25 to 48.6 percent in 2025-26, but more than half of the district's clubs still did not establish an Annual Fund goal.

The committee continues to believe that Foundation goal-setting should receive greater emphasis during President-Elect training. Goals promote advance planning, accountability, measurement, member engagement, and more reliable forecasting of future DDF.

Conclusion - Contributions

District 5180 had a strong fundraising year. Annual Fund and PolioPlus giving substantially exceeded their respective goals, and total Foundation giving reached approximately \$683,000. Increasing the number of clubs that establish and pursue Foundation goals remains the principal opportunity for improvement.

Section II: District Designated Funds Usage

Sources of DDF

Source	Amount
47.5% SHARE from 2022-23 Annual Fund contributions	\$162,558.66
50% of available Endowment Fund SHARE earnings	\$5,706.88
Beginning carryforward	\$97,307.84
Total DDF available	\$265,573.38

Beginning Carryforward by Program Year

Program year	Carryforward
2020-21	\$4,112.00
2021-22	\$0.00
2022-23	\$0.00
2023-24	\$27,921.98

Program year	Carryforward
2024-25	\$65,273.86
Total	\$97,307.84

DDF Allocations and Ending Balance

Use	Amount
PolioPlus transfer	\$4,112.00
District Grant DG2683306	\$84,022.00
Nine humanitarian Global Grants	\$172,439.00
Total allocated	\$260,573.00
Ending DDF balance at June 30, 2026	\$5,000.38

District Grant DG2683306

District 5180 received an \$84,022 District Grant to support projects conducted by clubs throughout the district. The original application contained 22 activities. Six additional activities were later approved using funds reallocated from activities that cost less than planned, bringing the total to 28 approved activities.

Grant result	Amount or count
Original activities	22
Additional approved activities	6
Total approved activities	28
Participating clubs	22
District Grant award	\$84,022
Total expenditures	\$77,561
Utilization rate	92.31%
Unused funds returned in 2026-27	\$6,461

Expenditures by Category

Project category	Activities	Amount spent
Education	17	\$45,454
Community development	7	\$18,237
Economic development	2	\$8,817
Health	1	\$5,000
Peace	1	\$0
Administrative expenses	-	\$53
Total	28	\$77,561

Participating Clubs

- American River; Arden-Arcade; Citrus Heights; Elk Grove; Fair Oaks; Folsom; Folsom Lake; Foothill Highlands
- Greater Sacramento Passport One; Historic Folsom; Laguna Sunrise; Lincoln; Natomas; North Sacramento
- Orangevale; Point West-Sacramento; Rancho Cordova; Roseville; Sacramento; South Yuba County Sunrise; West Sacramento; West Sacramento Centennial

All 22 clubs awarded District Grant funds completed grant-management training. The training ensured that participating clubs understood Foundation requirements governing project eligibility, financial stewardship, recordkeeping, implementation, and reporting.

District Grant Impact

Education was the largest category, representing 17 of the 28 approved activities and \$45,454 of reported expenditures. Other activities addressed community development, economic development, health, and peace. Three approved activities reported no expenditures: the Elk Grove education activity, the Sacramento education activity, and the Orangevale peace activity. A separate proposed \$1,500 Orangevale education activity was declined and is not included among the 28 approved activities.

The \$6,461 unused balance was returned to The Rotary Foundation during 2026-27. It is therefore not included in the 2025-26 ending DDF balance and will be reflected in the 2026-27 report.

Global Grants and Endowed Scholarships

During 2025-26, District 5180 committed \$172,439 in DDF to nine humanitarian Global Grants with combined project budgets of \$1,394,274. District 5180 clubs also contributed approximately \$155,809 in cash to these projects. The district separately sponsored three Global Grant Scholarships totaling \$150,000 and funded through named Rotary Foundation endowments. Across all 12 activities, total project and scholarship budgets were \$1,544,274.

Grant	Project	Location	D5180 DDF	Total budget
GG2463330	Uganda Village Savings Group	Uganda	\$24,000	\$400,000
GG2572862	Literacy for Life	Zambia	\$39,088	\$90,000
GG2574451	Magaliesberg Biosphere Conservation	South Africa	\$952	\$99,809
GG2577183	Project Dignity	Vietnam	\$51,330	\$300,000
GG2579678	Sustainable Agriculture for Deaf Students	Kenya	\$9,500	\$30,600
GG2681739	Rotary Family Health Days	South Africa	\$1,000	\$57,706
GG2681868	Vaccine Storage and Distribution	Kenya	\$1,000	\$113,400
GG2682122	Jema Nigus Education and Water	Ethiopia	\$40,339	\$123,499
GG2688158	Goodbye Thirsty Grant 8	Tanzania	\$5,230	\$179,260
Total humanitarian grants	9 grants		\$172,439	\$1,394,274

GG2463330 - Uganda Village Savings Group

Location: Kampala and rural communities, Uganda

Area of focus: Community economic development

Sponsors: Westlake Village Sunrise, District 5240 / Kampala-West, District 9213

District 5180 support: \$24,000 DDF and approximately \$26,800 in club cash

Total budget: \$400,000

Status: Approved

The project creates village savings-and-loan groups for vulnerable and extremely poor women in rural Uganda. Field officers form, train, and mentor savings groups whose members use borrowed startup capital to establish small businesses and improve their financial resilience.

GG2572862 - Literacy for Life

Location: Mambwe, Eastern Province, Zambia

Area of focus: Basic education and literacy

Sponsors: Point West-Sacramento, District 5180 / Lusaka, District 9210

District 5180 support: \$39,088 DDF and \$19,544 in club cash

Total budget: \$90,000

Expected beneficiaries: 1,000-2,499 school-age children

Status: Approved

The project assists children in rural Mfuwe as they transition from instruction in their local language to English, the language of instruction and examinations beginning in Grade 5. It seeks to improve reading ability, encourage a love of reading, and strengthen students' prospects for academic and social success.

GG2574451 - Magaliesberg Biosphere Strategic Conservation Initiative

Location: Magaliesberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa

Area of focus: Environment

Sponsors: Cupertino, District 5170 / Brits-Hartbeespoort, District 9400

District 5180 support: \$952 DDF and \$952 from Point West-Sacramento

Total budget: \$99,809

Status: Approved

The project addresses poaching and illegal snaring that threaten wildlife, biodiversity, tourism, and local livelihoods. Community leaders will conduct environmental education and participate in patrols to locate, document, and remove snares, protecting wildlife while building long-term community support for conservation.

GG2577183 - Project Dignity

Location: Dien Bien Province, Vietnam

Area of focus: Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

Sponsors: Sacramento, District 5180 / Danang, District 3350

District 5180 support: \$51,330 DDF and approximately \$48,724 in club cash

Total budget: \$300,000

Expected beneficiaries: More than 2,500

Status: Approved

This two-year project seeks to prevent vulnerable children, youth, and low-income families from becoming victims of human trafficking. Activities include trafficking prevention education, safe migration, online safety, life skills, vocational training, family economic support, improved victim referrals, stronger community protection systems, and victim-centered law-enforcement practices.

GG2579678 - Training in Sustainable Agriculture Adapted for Deaf Students

Location: Marimanti, Tharaka, Kenya

Area of focus: Community economic development

Sponsors: Arden-Arcade, District 5180 / Embu, District 9216

District 5180 support: \$9,500 DDF and \$9,500 from Arden-Arcade

Total budget: \$30,600

Status: Approved

The project provides agriculture training adapted for deaf students at Kamatungu primary and secondary schools. Students receive practical experience in crop production, livestock management, marketing, and agricultural enterprise. The project also expands Kenyan Sign Language vocabulary related to agriculture and establishes a demonstration plot for students and local farmers.

GG2681739 - 2025 Rotary Family Health Days

Location: Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and North West, South Africa

Areas of focus: Disease prevention and treatment; maternal and child health

Sponsors: District 1145 / E-Club of Eagle Canyon, District 9400

District 5180 support: \$1,000 DDF and \$1,000 from Point West-Sacramento

Total budget: \$57,706

Status: Approved

Rotary Family Health Days delivered free health services at 20 sites in underserved communities. Services included screenings for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hypertension, and diabetes; immunizations; health education; referrals; audiology; optometry; and dental services.

GG2681868 - Vaccine Storage and Distribution Project

Location: Bungoma County, Kenya

Area of focus: Disease prevention and treatment

Sponsors: Tully, District 7180 / Bungoma Magharibi, District 9215

District 5180 support: \$1,000 DDF and \$1,000 from Sacramento

Total budget: \$113,400

Status: Approved

The project strengthens Bungoma County's vaccine cold chain by establishing a centralized storage facility and procuring a refrigerated truck. It will serve nine sub-counties and 224 immunization centers and train at least 300 nurses and cold-chain handlers in vaccine handling, storage, inventory management, equipment maintenance, and emergency procedures.

GG2682122 - Jema Nigus Education and Water Project

Location: Jema Nigus, Ethiopia

Areas of focus: Water, sanitation, and hygiene; basic education and literacy

Sponsors: Roseville, District 5180 / Addis Ababa, District 9216

District 5180 support: \$40,339 DDF and approximately \$38,289 in club cash

Total budget: \$123,499

Expected beneficiaries: Approximately 1,500 students and 7,302 residents

Status: Approved

The project provides a sustainable safe-water supply for a new school and surrounding community. It includes water infrastructure, handwashing facilities, hygiene education, menstrual hygiene management,

community sanitation outreach, a teacher resource center and digital hub, science resources, preschool furnishings, and green outdoor classrooms supporting agriculture and nutrition education.

GG2688158 - Goodbye Thirsty Grant 8

Location: Arumeru District, Tanzania

Area of focus: Water, sanitation, and hygiene

Sponsors: Mt. Shasta, District 5160 / Arusha, District 9214

District 5180 support: \$5,230 DDF and \$10,000 in club cash

Total budget: \$179,260

Status: Approved

The project addresses water scarcity and dangerous fluoride contamination by installing 260 residential rainwater-harvesting systems and home greenhouses. Each system can serve three to four households, reduce the time women and children spend searching for water, and provide a durable household water supply.

Endowed Global Grant Scholarships

District 5180 sponsored three Global Grant Scholars using \$150,000 from named Rotary Foundation endowments. These scholarship distributions are separate from the district's 2025-26 DDF usage.

GG2578858 - Alana Lopez-Koen Global Grant Scholarship

International sponsor: Rotary District 5180; sponsor club Rocklin

Host sponsor: Golders Green, District 1130

Institution and program: London School of Economics and Political Science; MSc Environment and Development

Area of focus: Environment

Scholarship period: September 2025-September 2026

Funding: \$60,000 from the Elio J. and May C. Marsalla Endowed Scholarship

Status: Approved

The scholarship supports graduate study in environmental policy, climate adaptation, sustainable development, and economic empowerment. Ms. Lopez-Koen intends to develop inclusive, community-based climate adaptation strategies, particularly for vulnerable communities in the Global South.

GG2578954 - Kaleemah Muttaqi Global Grant Scholarship

International sponsor: Rotary District 5180; sponsor club Laguna Sunrise

Host sponsor: Golders Green, District 1130

Institution and program: London School of Economics; MSc Strategic Communications and Society

Area of focus: Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

Scholarship period: September 2025-September 2026

Funding: \$60,000 from the John M. Cole Endowed Scholarship

Status: Approved

The scholarship supports graduate study in the relationship between communication, conflict, dialogue, advocacy, and peacebuilding. Ms. Muttaqi plans to apply strategic communications to international humanitarian advocacy and peacebuilding.

GG2578905 - Maria Cecilia Smurr-Ferrer Global Grant Scholarship

International sponsor: American River, District 5180

Host sponsor: Banbury, District 1090

Institution and program: University of Oxford, St. Antony's College; MSc Migration Studies

Area of focus: Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

Scholarship period: September 2025-June 2026

Funding: \$30,000 from the John M. Cole Endowed Scholarship

Status: Closed

The scholarship supported graduate study of migration, displacement, and the integration of vulnerable populations. Ms. Smurr-Ferrer's work focuses on migration policy, refugee and human rights law, and the needs of forcibly displaced people. She plans to apply this training through nonprofit, legal, advocacy, or international organizations working to address displacement and promote peace.

Conclusion

Rotary District 5180's 2025-26 Foundation activity reflects strong generosity, careful stewardship, broad local participation, and significant international engagement. The district contributed approximately \$683,000 to The Rotary Foundation, used nearly all available DDF, supported 28 District Grant activities involving 22 trained clubs, participated in nine humanitarian Global Grants, and sponsored three endowed Global Grant Scholars.

District 5180's Foundation resources supported education, literacy, community economic development, health, disease prevention, water and sanitation, environmental conservation, peacebuilding, and the prevention of human trafficking. Continued emphasis on club Foundation goals will help the district build on these results and sustain strong support for local and global service.