

Background terms and conditions and deciding on a project:

The objective of a **Rotary Foundation District Grant** is to enable Clubs to support the Rotary Foundation's mission; *(enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty)* by supporting clubs to carry out a small project which will address **an immediate need that has been identified in their local community, or overseas .**

This year District 9910 has as its main objective for District Grants to strengthen Rotary's profile in the club's local community through the funding of a local project.

District Grants are funded by the Rotary Foundation and will generally match Club contributions at 100% ("dollar for dollar").

District 9910 will have available up to NZ\$30,000 (20 x \$1500 grants) for distribution as District Grants in the 2026/27 Rotary year.

Qualification Criteria

Clubs must be qualified to receive District Grants. Requirements for qualification are:

1. A Club representative must have attended a Rotary Foundation seminar, or have completed the Rotary Online Grant Management Seminar, or be an active member of the District Rotary Foundation Committee
2. Clubs must have contributed to the Foundation Annual Fund at least once over the past three years
3. Clubs must have entered their Rotary Foundation goals on www.rotary.org
4. All Rotary International and District dues must be paid up to date

NB Qualification is required for each Rotary year

District Grant Guidelines

- Clubs applying for a grant must have a signed MOU with the District and be qualified
- The project budget must show how the project is to be fully funded
- Clubs will generally match any grant application request \$ for \$ up to \$1500
- A clear audit trail **MUST** be maintained for all grants. Receipts for goods and services must be retained for submission with the project completion report.
- Applicants will be notified of their successful application as soon as possible after the closing date (30 September 2026) as will all declined applications.
- Clubs requiring more information before lodging an application should contact a member of the Grants Committee, who will be happy to help or advise.
- Projects must not commence prior to the receipt of grant funds awarded.
- District Grant projects must be completed within the current Rotary year

Project Selection Criteria

1. The project should be seen and promoted as a Rotary project with **the objective of increasing the profile of your club within your community**. The grant may not be used to partially fund a project which is not 100% identifiable as a Rotary project.
2. The project should, wherever possible, involve the active participation of Club members.
3. The Club should have effective control of the funds and arrange purchase of equipment and services.
4. Project funds should not simply be handed over to another/alternative charitable (fundraising) organization.
5. Grants will be allocated to new specific projects rather than to support an existing on-going programme.
6. Grants are not to be used for excessive support of any one beneficiary.
7. Projects should be sustainable and able to continue independently without the on-going support of the Rotary Foundation.
8. Portable electronic devices will not be considered.
9. Grants must produce a tangible asset and may not be used to fund events.
10. Only one grant per Club will be made unless the total of all applications is undersubscribed. If a club wishes to submit 2 applications these applications should be ranked in priority by the Club.

Please note the following:

- Receipts for goods and services (and in the name of the sponsoring club) must be retained for submission with the final project completion report.
- Rotary logos should always be displayed on the project.

Deciding on a project

Your club will need to spend time ensuring that your project fits within the above criteria and complete the required Memorandum of Understanding and application forms.

Refer below

The following are examples of previously approved District Grants

Portable Lower Abdominal Scanner
Special Equipment for Special Needs School
Replacement Mini Van for De Paul House
Solar Ice Making Equipment – Vanuatu
Farm Water project – Noumea
Fitness Equipment for at risk children
Projector for Hospice
Shade umbrella for Hospice
School Bike storage facility
Purchase of van for Kiwiharvest to establish KH on the North Shore
Community Petanque court
Schools Dictionary Project
Trees for Survival
Purchase of Seabin
Atlas programme
School Desks
Equipment for Tongan Disabilities centre
Water fountain for kindergarten
BBQ Table Tops
Resuscitation equipment
Garden Tunnel house for school
Emergency Housing equipment
Rainwater Harvest Project in Vanuatu
Security fencing, new seating etc for primary school
Far North vulnerable family project
Exercise equipment for transition centre
Dictionaries and Duffy books for low decile school
Trailor for housing BBQ and Games Equipment
Defibrillator for public use
Hospital equipment for Maternity and Special Care Unit
Centennial tree planting
Generator for Community Hub
Dictionary distribution for Fiji Schools
School garden to provide for Garden to Table programme
Purchase of Calesca warming and thawing device
Nebulisers for elderly people
Water filter kits for remote areas of Vanuatu
Equipment for community ceramics studio
Rotary Book-Buddy project
School science engineering kits
Washing machine and Refrigerator for Womens Refuge