

Instructions

District Grants are supporting short-term projects of Rotary/Rotaract clubs in District 7070. Clubs apply for a District Grant by using the new ClubRunner Grant process found in the Member Area of the District's website, www.rotary7070.org. The District Foundation Grant Sub-Committee will review and decide the merits of each application and the degree to which they will be funded. **An application is not a guarantee for a grant!**

The Rotary Foundation Terms & Conditions for District Grants

District Grant projects must comply with the Rotary Foundation's mission.

*The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to
Advance World Understanding, Goodwill, and Peace by Improving Health, Providing Quality Education,
Improving The Environment, and Alleviating Poverty.*

District Grants must also meet “**Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants**”. This and many other documents of interest, can be found under **Grant Resources** at the **Grant Center** on Rotary's website www.rotary.org

The District Grant Application Process for the 2026-27 Rotary Year

For the 2026-27 Rotary year, District 7070 is introducing an online application process using ClubRunner. The application is made on the District's website, www.rotary7070.org. One important change is that **only qualified Clubs will have access to the online application form.**

Please, follow these steps.

1. On the District's website, click on **Member Area** at the top right-hand corner.
2. Once in the **Member Area**, find **Grant** to the left under the top banner. Click on it.
3. Next, click on **Submit A Grant Request**, again to the left under the top banner.
4. A new site will appear. **Complete and send the Submit A Grant Request form.**
5. You will receive confirmation and access to the full **Grant Application** form. Please, note **only qualified Clubs will have access to these forms.**
6. **Submit the completed Grant Application form.**
7. You will receive confirmation that the application has been received.
8. **The District Foundation Subcommittee will review all applications received before the deadline of May 31, 2026.** Some or all received applications will be included in the **Spending Plan**, the District's application to the Rotary Foundation for a District Block Grant, the DDF funds to be used for funding the District Grant projects from the D7070 Club.
9. The Lead (applying) Club of projects that have been approved by the Rotary Foundation will receive grand funds in September 2026 (tbc).

District 7070 Grant Guidelines

- Projects must fall within one of the Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus:
 - Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water, sanitation and hygiene
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development
 - Environment and Sustainability
- Projects may take place anywhere in the world; however, a minimum of 25% of the District's total District Grants funds will be allocated to projects in District 7070.
- **Applications for District Grants in the 2026-27 Rotary year should be submitted from March 1, 2026, to the deadline May 31, 2026,** to be considered and included in the District's Spending Plan for approval by the Rotary Foundation for District Designated Funds (DDF).

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- Applications received after May 31, 2026, may be considered if funds remain.
- **The Primary (applying) Rotary/Rotaract Club in a project must be qualified for the 2026-27 Rotary year to get access to the Application form.** Rotary and Rotaract Clubs become qualified by having at least two of their members either attend the District's Foundation Seminar, November 15, 2025, or complete the online 2026-27 modules with quizzes found on www.rotary7070.org (under the Foundation menu).
- Applications must be for an original effort; recurring projects will not be considered for funding.
- The budget for a project must be a minimum of CAD1,000.
- To encourage Clubs in District 7070 to co-operate and create larger projects, the District will use the formula below to match every D7070 Club's cash contribution of CAD in District Grant projects, subject to funds being available.

D7070 Clubs in the Project	1-2	3-4	5 and more
Club Cash vs DDF (max)	1 : 0.50	1 : 0.75	1 : 1
Max DDF/Club & Project (CAD)	1,000	1,500	2,000
Max. DDF/Project (CAD)	2,000	6,000	9,000

- The maximum amount that may be allocated to District Grant projects for the 2026-27 Rotary year is estimated to be the equivalent in Canadian dollars of USD55,000 (50% of new DDF), based on funds raised in the District for the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation three years ago.
- The District may decide in its Spending Plan to apply for less than the maximum allowed amount of DDF.
- The actual amount of new DDF requested for District Grants from the Rotary Foundation by the District will be based on applications received by May 31, 2026, and other usage of DDF, e.g. contributions to PolioPlus and matching Club Cash in Global Grant projects.
- **District Grants can't be combined with a Global Grant.**
- **Any unused District Grant funds allocated to a specific project must be returned to the District.** This may occur for any number of reasons (e.g. the project does not happen, the project expenses are less than budgeted, fewer clubs participate etc.).
- **An application is NOT a guarantee for receiving a District Grant.**
- **Applying Club for a project receiving a District Grant is responsible for meeting the reporting requirements**

District 7070 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated taking the following criteria into consideration.

- **Only Clubs Qualified for the 2026-27 Rotary year can apply.** Clubs sponsoring a project are encouraged to become qualified.
- **Fully financed project applications will be prioritized.** Project applications with more than one Club will receive priority if they can show by May 31, 2026, with supporting documents from sponsoring Clubs that the project is fully financed.
- **Members' hands-on involvement,** where the degree of direct involvement by Rotarians/Rotaractors is considered.
- **Impact of the project in the community,** where among other things the demographic of the individuals being served is considered.
- **Ability of a project to enhance the understanding and profile of Rotary/Rotaract and The Rotary Foundation** in the community being served.
- **Club co-operation,** where clubs are encouraged to work together on projects.

Timelines for Applications, Project Execution & Reporting

- **Submission Deadline** - Applications for the 2026-27 Rotary year received by **May 31, 2026** will be considered for the District's application to The Rotary Foundation for a District Block Grant (Spending Plan) for the 2026-27 Rotary year.
- **Review** All applications received before the deadline will be reviewed by the District Grants Sub-Committee in June 2026. If total amount of funds for District grants exceeds the amount the District is allowed or intends to allocate for District Grants, the Committee will use various tools to allocate available funds among projects, such as lower the amount

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requested for every or some projects, select certain project applications, limit the number of projects per Club. The Committee will discuss this process with applying Clubs before making a final decision.

- **Notification** – The Committee aims to notify clubs of award decisions at the end of July 2026.
- **Funds** will be presented to successful Clubs as soon as they are received from The Rotary Foundation. The Lead Club for projects with two or more Clubs will receive all funds approved for that project.
- **Project Execution** - Clubs should strive to have projects completed by June 30, 2027.
- **Reporting** - A **final report** is due to the District Grant Sub-Committee **no later than two months upon completion of a project. If a project lasts more than 12 months, a progress report** must be submitted **each 12 months** until the project is completed. The District Grant report form is part of the new ClubRunner process at www.rotary7070.org.
- **Documentation** – Club reports and supporting documentation for all expenditures must be maintained by the Club for at least 5 years following closure of the grant.
- **Promotion**. Clubs are encouraged to present completed projects on websites, in social media, Rotary Showcase and other vehicles they may find useful.

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